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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION OF TEXAS

AMENDED ORDER EXTENDING TERMS OF COURTS

**Whereas**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas; and

**Whereas**, the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (“the Courts”) have issued emergency orders related to the administration of justice during the state of disaster, including ordering all Texas courts to modify or suspend all deadlines and procedures when appropriate to avoid risk to staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and the public, and prohibiting courts from conducting non-essential proceedings in person contrary to local, state, or national directives, whichever is most restrictive, regarding maximum group size; and

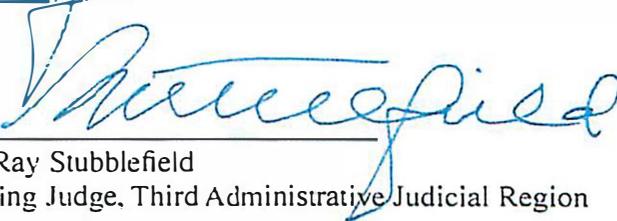
**Whereas**, impaneling a grand jury would result in the gathering of large groups of individuals inconsistent with local directives regarding appropriate measures to avoid the transmission of COVID-19 and would risk the health of those called to grand jury duty and court staff; and

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic, and certain emergency orders issued in relation to that pandemic, have, in effect, prevented the 460th, 450th, and 147th District Courts from holding any jury trials during a substantial portion of the current judicial district terms of those courts and will likely continue to do so in the foreseeable future; and

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic, a disaster within the meaning of Texas Government Code section 418.004, precludes the 460th, 450th, and 147th District Courts from holding their current judicial district terms, each of which commenced in January of 2020.

**Now therefore**, pursuant to Section 24.0125 of the Texas Government Code and with the approval of the respective judges of the 460th, 450th, and 147th District Courts, it is ordered that the current term of the 460th, 450th and 147th District Courts are hereby extended until December 15, 2020.

SIGNED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Billy Ray Stubblefield  
Presiding Judge, Third Administrative Judicial Region



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