

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 17-9157

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## IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 17-015

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### EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORIZING JUSTICE COURT PRECINCT FOUR, PLACE 1 OF HARRIS COUNTY TO CONDUCT PROCEEDINGS TEMPORARILY IN ANY PRECINCT IN HARRIS COUNTY

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**ORDERED** that:

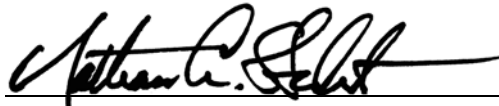
1. Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast on August 25, 2017. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in 60 counties, including Harris County, and the declaration remains in effect.
2. On information that Justice Court Precinct 4, Place 1 is hindered in conducting proceedings in that precinct because of disaster conditions and damage to its normal operating facilities that may persist for an extended time, and at the request of the Honorable Lincoln Goodwin, Justice of the Peace, Harris County, Precinct 4, Place 1, is authorized to temporarily conduct non-jury trial proceedings in Harris County precincts other than Precinct 4 as if sitting in his respective precinct in Harris County, effective this date, and pending further Order of this Court.
3. This Order does not preclude the justice court of Precinct 4, Place 1 from also conducting proceedings within Precinct 4 as conditions permit.
4. This Order is issued pursuant to Section 22.0035(b)<sup>1</sup> of the Texas Government Code, and expires January 10, 2018, unless extended by the Court.

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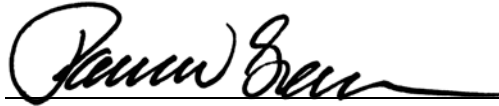
<sup>1</sup> “Notwithstanding any other statute, the supreme court may modify or suspend procedures for the conduct of any court proceeding affected by a disaster during the pendency of a disaster declared by the governor. An order under this section may not extend for more than 30 days from the date the order was signed unless renewed by the supreme court.”

5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:
  - a. post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov);
  - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
  - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

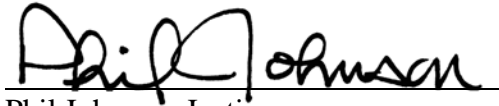
Dated: December 11, 2017.



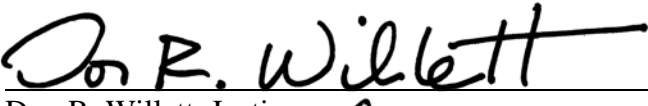
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



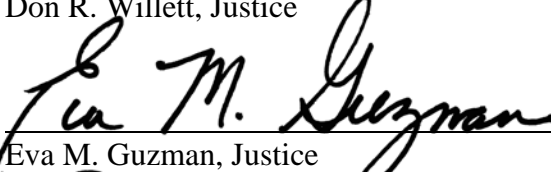
Paul W. Green, Justice



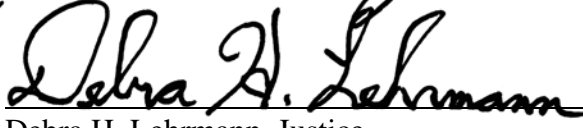
Phil Johnson, Justice



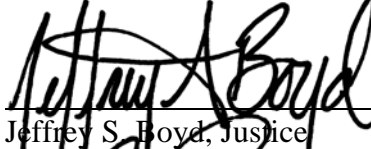
Don R. Willett, Justice



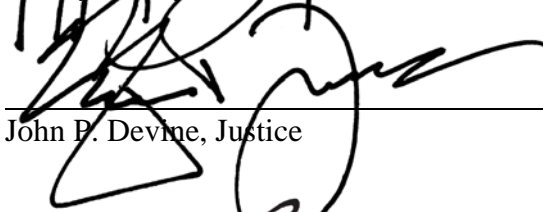
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



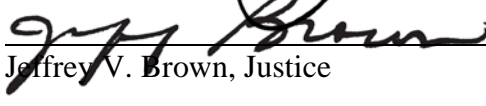
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice

Sharon Keller  
Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge

Kevin Patrick Yeary  
Kevin P. Yeary, Judge

Michael Keasler  
Michael Keasler, Judge

David Newell  
David Newell, Judge

Barbara Hervey  
Barbara Hervey, Judge

Mary Lou Keel  
Mary Lou Keel, Judge

Elsa Alcalá  
Elsa Alcalá, Judge

Scott Walker  
Scott Walker, Judge

Bert Richardson  
Bert Richardson, Judge