

**STATE OF TEXAS** §  
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**COUNTY OF HIDALGO** §

**ORDER TO CREATE HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 5 JUSTICE OF THE  
PEACE PLACE 1 AND CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County, Texas is a Texas County with a population greater than 150,000 and four (4) Commissioner Precincts, and four (4) Justice Precincts, with eight (8) Justices of the Peace and four (4) Constables as permitted by Article V. Section 18 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court may, under Article V. Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, elect to increase the number of Justice Precincts “from time to time and for the convenience of the people”; and

WHEREAS, the Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1, and Constable Precinct 5 offices were abolished on November 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, Monte Alto, and Hargill, along with surrounding communities in the Delta Area have expressed their support in the creation of Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1, and Precinct 5 Constable, for the benefit of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, after due consideration, believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens in the Delta area to increase the number of Justice Precincts by creating Hidalgo County Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1 and Precinct 5 Constable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT of HIDALGO COUNTY that:

1. The recitals set forth in this Order are true and correct.
2. Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1 and Precinct 5 Constable, are hereby created.

3. Pursuant to Chapter 201, Subsection 201.027 of the Election Code, a vacancy occurs for the new offices created, Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace Place 1 and Precinct 5 Constable on the date is this Order is adopted.
4. Pursuant to Article V. Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court shall fill the vacancies by appointment until the next general election.
5. The Hidalgo County Elections Administrator shall note this change accordingly and assure future ballots will reflect said change. The offices shall appear on the ballot in the subsequent even-numbered year General Election.
6. The residents of the newly created boundaries of Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1, and Precinct 5 Constable will continue to be served by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Precinct 1.
7. This Order creating Hidalgo County Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1, and Precinct 5 Constable, is made for the convenience and benefit of the people of Hidalgo County, Texas after due and careful consideration of all factors relevant to the issues, after having timely posted public notice of such contemplated action in accordance with law and after hearing public comments thereon, and for the purposes of providing the most effective and convenient resources to the communities within the newly created boundaries of Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace, Place 1, and Precinct 5 Constable.

Passed and Adopted, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

It is so ordered:

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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DAVID L. FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk