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### **Redrawn justice of the peace and constable precincts approved by Commissioners Court**

Commissioners Court today approved the redistricting of justice of the peace and constable precincts to balance the caseloads in each precinct. The Court also voted to add a half-time justice of the peace position to each precinct to better serve the growing population.

The redistricting becomes effective at 11:59 p.m. Nov. 8. When the courts reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 12, residents who are to appear at Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 will report to the Precinct 1 Satellite Offices at 3505 Pleasanton Road; there will no longer be a justice of the peace in the Downtown area. Bexar County will provide a shuttle service for residents who mistakenly appear at the Downtown offices for at least one week. All other justice of the peace offices will remain at their current locations.

Residents with upcoming cases in a JP court will receive a postcard letting them know to which precinct they should report. Residents who need to file a civil matter can see if their precinct has changed by using the My Bexar Community Dashboard mapping application at <http://map.bexar.org/community>.

Residents who simply need to pay a justice of the peace fine are encouraged to pay online at <http://gov.bexar.org/pay>.

The Court also established a process to appoint the half-time justices of the peace in precincts 1 and 4. Interested candidates can find the application on the County's website and submit the completed application, a resume and cover letter for consideration. The application packets should be hand delivered to the Office of the County Manager, attention: Thomas Guevara on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Paul Elizondo Tower, 101 W. Nueva St.

County staff will review the applications and forward qualified applicants to the commissioners.

To be eligible for selection as Justice of the Peace, candidates must:

- be a United States citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the date of appointment;
- have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities; and
- have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the date appointment is made.

The deadline to apply for appointment is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

All information and links regarding the redistricting, new precinct lines and appointment process can be found online at [www.bexar.org/jphelp](http://www.bexar.org/jphelp). Residents also can call (210) 335-JPGO(5746).

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