## IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS

## ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT PRECINCTS



BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the  $\underline{12}$  day of November 2021, came on to be considered the issue of periodic redistricting of county political boundaries. This Court has, in due time, given deliberate consideration to the legal issues and of governmental duties imposed by state and federal law. In addition, the Court has previously entered in the minutes of this Court, criteria by which any redistricting plan would be considered, the prior Order establishing criteria being incorporated herein by reference.

This Court has commissioned and has received an Initial Assessment by qualified professionals experienced in the field of redistricting law for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the four commissioners court precincts, and the obligation to comply with "one-person-one-vote" balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this Court, and is incorporated by this reference as Exhibit 1, Initial Assessment. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law, and a copy of this finding is entered into the minutes of this court, by which reference this prior finding is incorporated into this Order of the Commissioners Court, Exhibit 2, Order Requiring Redistricting.

After convening in Public Hearing for comment upon any and all proposed plans, and after meeting in open session for the purpose of considering alternatives available to the County for modification of existing political boundaries in a manner designed to achieve both acceptable levels of numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to protect the voting rights of all residents of Upshur County, the Commissioners Court has determined to adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Order in map and data form, Exhibit 3, Proposal  $\bot$ . The Commissioners Court has determined to also adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Order for the Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Exhibit 4. Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts follow the boundaries of the commissioners court precincts. At a later date, this Court will receive a more complete description of this plan, including a map depiction of all new political boundaries, polling places, and election precinct boundaries. This supplemental order will be taken up and considered by the Court after public notice as required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Order are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Upshur County, Texas. The Redistricting Plan, Proposal  $\bot$ , and the Redistricting Plan for the Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts adopted by this Order shall be effective immediately for use in the 2022 Primary and for all subsequent elections until changed or modified by later Order of this Court.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 2021.

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Commissioner, Precinct 3

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Ex Officio Clerk of the Upshur County Commissioners Court

- Commissioner, Precinct 2

Commissioner, Precinct 4