



State of Texas

County of Ellis

Resolution 2025-02

**A Resolution by the Ellis County Commissioners' Court
In Support of a New District Court for Ellis County**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ellis County, Texas are dedicated to the rule of law, the impartial administration of justice, and the fair, timely, and responsible adjudication of all court cases and trials involving the citizens of this county; and

WHEREAS, the existing judges of Ellis County work diligently to handle thousands of cases each year that affect the lives and property of the citizens of Ellis County, yet all recognize that the Ellis County judicial system is moving toward its maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS, Ellis County has been cited as the eighth-fastest growing county in the United States, with a projected 2025 population of over 240,000 residents and an estimated half-million by 2050, thus creating a dynamic need for additional trials; and

WHEREAS, the judges, commissioners, and citizens of Ellis County alike recognize that "justice delayed is justice denied," desiring to ensure that each legal dispute involving the citizens of this county is resolved in accordance with the high standards of justice that have been firmly established by tradition in our community, meeting or exceeding the constitutional rights of the citizens of the great State of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, Texas, hereby respectfully request that Senator Brian Birdwell, Senator Bob Hall, and State Representative Brian Harrison sponsor legislation during the 89th Texas Legislature to establish and create an additional judicial district court for Ellis County, having general jurisdiction and focusing on felony criminal cases, with a target effective operation date of January 1st, 2026, or another date as directed by Governor Greg Abbott.

In witness thereof, signed the 4th of February, 2025 –

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Little".

Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Sumner".

Randy Sumner, Commissioner, Precinct 1

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lane Grayson".

Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louis Ponder".

Louis Ponder, Commissioner, Precinct 3

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kyle Butler".

Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Krystal Valdez".

Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Deputy