

TAB 7: 28 CFR 51.27 (p).

STATEMENT THAT PRIOR PRACTICE WAS PRECLEARED

The existing plan for county Commissioners Precincts has been in effect since 2012, and was precleared by the Department of Justice on January 27, 2012. A copy of the preclearance letter relevant to this date may be found under Tab 7 of this submission.



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Dear Mr. Bass:

This refers to the 2011 redistricting plan for the County Commissioners Court Precincts, Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts, the realignment of voting precincts, the establishment and consolidation of voting precincts, and the polling place changes for Tom Green County, Texas, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on December 2, 2011; additional information was received through January 20, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

for *T. Christian Herren, Jr.*
T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section

