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TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Submission under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act

[52 FR 33409, September 3, 1987; 58 FR 51225, October 1, 1993]

Submitting Authority: Commissioners Court, Tom Green County, Texas

Submission for pre-clearance following adoption of City Ward Boundaries by the City of San Angelo, Texas, requiring conformation of underlying (1) Election Precincts, and where necessary or practical for administrative purposes, revised (3) Commissioners Court boundaries (no population change, simplified boundaries only) and (4) revised Polling Places are also submitted for pre-clearance.

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**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF REDISTRICTING PLAN
TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
VOTING SECTION**

Tom Green County, Texas has submitted an original copy of the following to the United States Department of Justice for review under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §1973c. A complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for inspection by the public in the office of the County Clerk, Tom Green County Courthouse during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Any comments may be provided to the Department of Justice at the following address:

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ORDERS EMBODYING A CHANGE AFFECTING VOTING

Order of the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County, dated December 18, 2012, to conform previously pre-cleared county Election Precincts to revised San Angelo City Ward Boundaries. See DOJ File #2011-5109 preclearance letter under Tab 7 of this submission.

TAB 2: 28 CFR §51.27(c):

STATEMENT OF CHANGE AND SUPPORTING MAPS AND DATA

Due to the adoption of City Ward boundaries by the City of San Angelo, Texas after the date Tom Green obtained pre-clearance of County Election precincts, and Commissioner/Justice of the Peace Precincts, the Commissioners Court was required by State law to revise and conform the county election precincts so that territory from no more than one city ward was contained in any county election precinct.

In rare cases, in order to avoid unreasonably burdensome administrative difficulties caused by confusing or complex boundaries caused by the revision of election precinct boundaries, the County Commissioners Court and Justice of the Peace precinct boundaries have been changed. However, these changes in the more substantive Commissioners Court and co-extensive Justice of the Peace precinct boundaries were accomplished without population changes, therefore, while there are changes in boundaries, there is no net effect upon the previously precleared population content of the Commissioners Court and co-extensive Justice of the Peace precincts, and in turn, there are no adverse effects upon minority representation opportunities established by the pre-cleared boundaries. See Article V, Section 18, Texas Constitution.

All changes in election precinct and Commissioners Court precincts necessitated by the revision of City of San Angelo City Wards have been made in compliance with Section 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1964 (42. U.S.C. §1973(c)).

Maps and Charts demonstrating the changes between the previously precleared precincts and the resulting 2012 proposed changes are contained under Tab 2 of this submission.

TAB 3: 28 CFR §51.27 (d)-(h):

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The submitting authority is the Tom Green County, Texas Commissioners Court. Authority to make the changes subject of this submission is vested upon the Commissioners Court by Article V, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, and Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code.

TAB 4: 28 CFR §51.27(i)-(j):

OPERATIVE DATES FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

A Supplemental Order Conforming County political boundaries to the City Wards of the City of San Angelo was adopted by the Tom Green County Commissioners Court on December 18, 2012. A true and correct copy of that Order may be found under Tab 2 of this submission.

The changes proposed by this submission will take effect upon the date of this Order, December 18, 2012, subject to preclearance.

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TAB 5: 28 CFR §51.27(k)-(l):

STATEMENT OF NON-IMPLEMENTATION

The changes proposed by this submission have not been implemented, subject to preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

The changes proposed affect only the Election Precincts identified herein, and not the entire jurisdiction.

TAB 6: 28 CFR 51.27 (n):

**ANTICIPATED EFFECT OF CHANGE ON RACIAL,
ETHNIC OR LANGUAGE MINORITIES**

Under the existing precleared boundaries, all relevant considerations to minority voting rights under the Voting Rights Act were addressed and precleared. The changes now being made will not alter the voting rights of minority residents of Tom Green County.

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.