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§ IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
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§ OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASES TO NEW DISTRICT COURT

On June 16, 1977, the Judges of the District Courts of Brazoria County entered an Order Equalizing Caseloads and Dividing the Docket (hereafter called the Order). Since 1977, the Courts of Brazoria County have from time to time amended the Order. With the addition of a new District Court, 490th District Court of Brazoria County, the Courts have considered the transfer of cases for equitable allocation of dockets.

On the 9th day of March, 2026, it is therefore ORDERED by the Judges of the 149th Judicial District, the 239th Judicial District, the 300th Judicial District, the 412th Judicial District and the 461st Judicial District that the docket of the District Courts of Brazoria County, Texas shall be divided as follows:

1. The Administrative Office will prepare a separate list of active and inactive No-Arrest pending cases for transfer by the District Clerk to the new court dockets effective September 1, 2026. Active pending cases will include all civil cases and criminal cases. Criminal cases are defined as complaints, indictments, re-indictments and informations, with a defendant status of Jail or Bond.
 - a. The Civil case list will not include family law cases, tax cases or Inmate Civil Cases.
 - b. The Criminal case list will not include Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ docket), murder cases, motion to revoke probations, motion to adjudicate probations, or capital murder cases. The new court will be put into the murder and capital murder assignment rotation as eligible for September 1, 2026. Cases with codefendant connections will be excluded to ensure that cases with codefendant connections do not get split between courts. Trial cases will also be eligible (excluding

those already set for the next month), with the exception of retrials/hung juries.

2. Cases that are set on September 2nd, 3rd or 4th will not be included so to allow sufficient time for communication to parties and justice agencies involved. Tuesday, September 8th, will then be the earliest Docketed Day for cases transferred. Wednesday, September 2nd, the new court could potentially have dockets for new cases filed on September 1st per the docket schedule.
3. An equal number of civil cases will be randomly chosen from the 149th District Court, 239th District Court, and 412th District Court and the criminal cases will be randomly chosen from each of the 5 current courts until the new District Court achieves a caseload equal to the average active and inactive no-arrest caseload for all courts as of Thursday, August 27, 2026.
4. By 9am Thursday, August 27th, each district court judge and their court coordinator will receive by email a list of active and inactive no-arrest cases from the respective court that have been selected for transfer to the new court. The active list will be available using the online Odyssey, Tyler Technologies to assist with the review. The inactive no-arrest list will be a report attached in the email.
5. Each District Court will have until Sunday, August 30, 2026, 5pm, to review the active cases selected from their court before the cases are transferred out. Using the email list from the District Clerk's office, each District Court Judge can select active cases to retain on their docket. Substitute cases will then be randomly selected as replacements to complete each court's equal contribution to the new District Court's docket. The final transfer case list must be finalized no later than 5:00 P.M., Sunday, August 30th to allow time for inclusion in the Administrative Transfer Order.
6. An administrative transfer order will be transmitted to the District Clerk's Office on Monday, August 31st to transfer the selected cases to the new District Court effective September 1, 2026.

7. The District Clerk's Office will notify by email the District Attorney's Office and defense attorneys regarding their respective cases in advance of the transfer.
8. The District Clerk's Office and Brazoria County IT teams will transfer the cases in bulk on September 1st starting around ~4am and taking ~5 hours.
9. The percentages allocated to each District Court for Civil and Criminal cases may be changed by action taken at any meeting of the Judges of the above listed District Courts at which 100% of the Judges are present and approve the new allocations or by Order signed by all District Judges.
10. All capital murder cases shall be assigned by the Presiding Judge for the District Courts of Brazoria County, Texas. All other murder cases shall be on a rotating basis.
11. Grand Juries shall be organized and empaneled by the District Judges for District Courts, the 149th District Court, the 239th District Court, the 300th District Court, the 412th District Court, the 461st District Court, and the 490th District Court on an alternating basis as determined by the Judges.
12. Transfers: A matter pending in any of the above-mentioned Courts may be heard by any judge having jurisdiction, with permission of both judges involved, without necessity of a formal transfer.
13. Central Jury Panels: All jury panels for courts of record sitting in Brazoria County shall be assigned from a central panel as provided by law and according to the approved system on file in the office of the District Clerk.

SIGNED AND ORDER this 9th day of March, 2026.



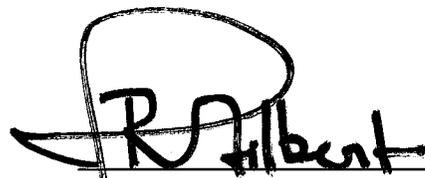
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239th Judicial District



Chad Bradshaw, Judge
300th Judicial District



Justin R. Gilbert, Judge
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