

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-1

LOCAL RULES	§	IN THE PROBATE COURTS
OF	§	OF
ADMINISTRATION	§	HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
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PRESIDING JUDGES' BENCH EXCHANGE ORDER

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code § 25.0022(c), the presiding judges of Probate Courts No. 1 and No. 2 of Hidalgo County may sit and act for each other in any matter or proceeding pending in either court.

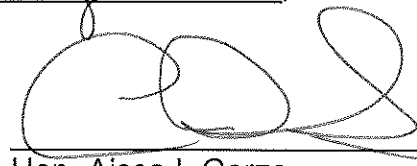
When a presiding judge is ruling for the other court, the written orders may be signed by that presiding judge without need of an order filed in the case reflecting the bench exchange and/or without need of language in any signed written orders reflecting a bench exchange occurred. The case shall stay in the court it is originally assigned to, unless a transfer is agreed to by both presiding judges.

An objection on the sole grounds that the presiding judge of the other probate court of Hidalgo County is sitting or acting on a matter or proceeding in the assigned court will not be considered.

SIGNED this 21st day of July, 2026.



Hon. JoAnne Garcia
Judge Presiding
Probate Court No. 1 of Hidalgo County



Hon. Aissa I. Garza
Judge Presiding
Probate Court No. 2 of Hidalgo County

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-2

LOCAL RULES	§	IN THE PROBATE COURTS
OF	§	OF
ADMINISTRATION	§	HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER REGARDING DIVISION OF CASES

WHEREAS, HB16, in the 89th Legislative Session, 2nd C.S., passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 17, 2025, created Probate Court No. 2 of Hidalgo County,

NOW THEREFORE, the presiding judges of Probate Courts No. 1 and No. 2 of Hidalgo County ORDER the following:

(1) That the County Clerk shall docket and divide newly filed cases as follows:

- (a) All mental health services case types i.e. mental health matters into Probate Court No. 1;
- (b) Fifty percent (50%) of probate, guardianship, small estate, and trust, and related cases, into Probate Court No. 1; and
- (c) Fifty percent (50%) of probate, guardianship, small estate, and trust, and related cases, into Probate Court No. 2.

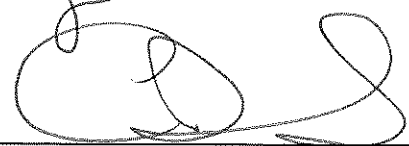
(2) That the judges of the Hidalgo County statutory probate courts may transfer cases to each other's courts for judicial economy, docket equalization, and/or for any other reason.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order shall take effect July 24, 2026, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Courts.

SIGNED this 21st day of July, 2026.



Hon. JoAnne Garcia
Judge Presiding
Probate Court No. 1 of Hidalgo County



Hon. Aissa I. Garza
Judge Presiding
Probate Court No. 2 of Hidalgo County