

***PRESS RELEASE***  
***BELL COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

AUTHORITY: County Judge Jon Burrows

SUBJECT : Bell County Redistricting Plan Approved by the Department of Justice

DATE : November 10, 2011

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Bell County received notification that the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, has pre-cleared the 2011 Redistricting Plans for Bell County, according to County Judge Jon Burrows.

In a letter dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Department of Justice stated it was not interposing any objection to the Redistricting Plans for Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, and Constable Precincts, the realignment, creation, consolidation, and renumbering of Voting Precincts, and the creation of Polling Places.

Judge Burrows says this approval paves the way for filing for county offices which can begin on November 28. He said any temporary lines drawn by the San Antonio Federal Court for state legislative and congressional districts will not affect the lines of any Bell County officials.

Judge Burrows thanked the work of the members of the redistricting committee, the Commissioners and County staff. "We are pleased that Bell County has again been recognized for its professionalism and effectiveness," said Burrows.