

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 25-9035

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## Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 25-004

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### First Emergency Order on the Hill Country Flood State of Disaster

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1. A catastrophic rainfall and flooding event began on July 2, 2025, causing widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life in the Texas Hill Country. On July 4, 2025, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in fifteen counties,<sup>1</sup> and on July 5, 2025, he expanded the declaration to six additional counties.<sup>2</sup>
2. This disaster may impact court proceedings across the state. Travel in parts of the disaster area may be difficult or impossible, and courthouses in the disaster area may be inaccessible from some locations. Loss of life or property may personally impact court personnel, lawyers, and litigants, regardless of their domicile. Court proceedings throughout Texas should be delayed or modified where reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.
3. Pursuant to section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code,<sup>3</sup> any statute of limitations applicable to a civil claim is suspended if the claimant shows that this disaster prevented the timely filing of the claim. A suspension authorized

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<sup>1</sup> Bandera, Coke, Comal, Concho, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCullough, Menard, Reeves, San Saba, and Tom Green Counties.

<sup>2</sup> Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

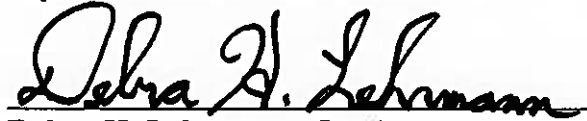
<sup>3</sup> "Notwithstanding any other statute, the supreme court may modify or suspend procedures for the conduct of any court proceeding affected by a disaster during the pendency of a disaster declared by the governor. An order under this section may not extend for more than 90 days from the date the order was signed unless renewed by the chief justice of the supreme court."


by this paragraph extends only to the date on which it becomes reasonably possible to file the claim.

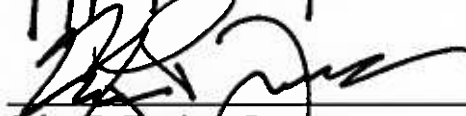
4. Pursuant to section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code, all courts in Texas should consider disaster-caused delays as good cause for modifying or suspending any deadline or procedure—whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order—in any case, civil or criminal.
5. All attorneys and litigants are strongly encouraged to cooperate with opposing counsel, opposing parties, and court personnel to reach agreement on reasonable extensions of time and any other accommodations made necessary by this disaster.
6. This order expires on August 6, 2025, unless extended by the Courts.
7. The Clerks of the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals are directed to:
  - a. post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov);
  - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
  - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
8. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

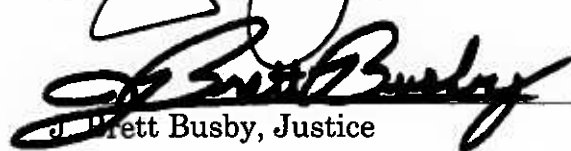
Dated: July 8, 2025.

  
James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice

  
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

  
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice

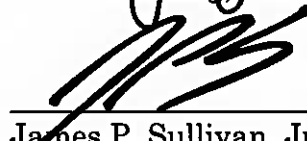
  
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J. Brett Busby, Justice

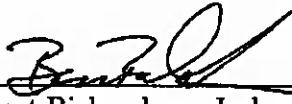
  
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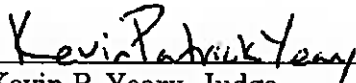
  
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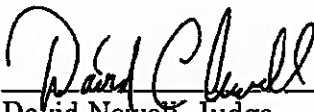
  
Evan A. Young, Justice

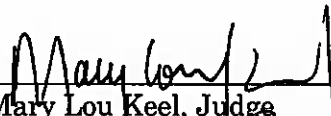
  
James P. Sullivan, Justice

  
David J. Schenck, Presiding Judge

  
Bert Richardson, Judge

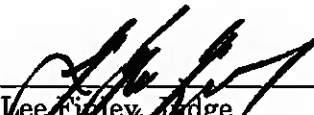
  
Kevin P. Yeary, Judge

  
David Newell, Judge

  
Mary Lou Keel, Judge

  
Scott Walker, Judge

  
Jesse F. McClure, Judge

  
Lee Riney, Judge

  
Gina G. Parker, Judge