

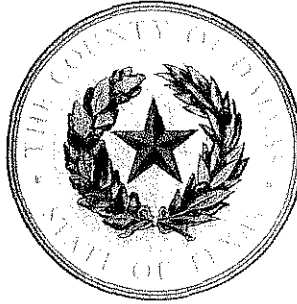
# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2011-146

DATE: January 25, 2011

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 25th day of January, 2011, on motion made by Clay Jenkins, County Judge and seconded by Maurine Dickey, Commissioner Dist. #1, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Dallas County is responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, many state officials appropriately oppose unfunded mandates sent down to states from the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, enacts laws or promulgates rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties in the same manner that federal mandates obligate the state; and

**WHEREAS**, such unfunded mandates or underfunded mandates disproportionately burden local property taxpayers with paying for state programs, resulting in local tax increases and/or cutbacks in local programs; and

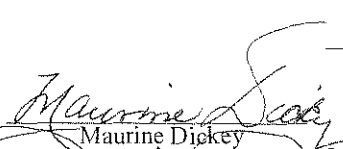
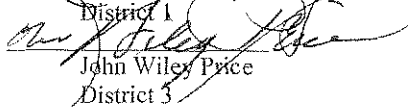
**WHEREAS**, Representative Garnet Coleman, Chairman of the House Committee on County Affairs, has been a stalwart and longtime champion in the fight against unfunded mandates, and in the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature filed HJR 84 which proposed a "constitutional amendment allowing a state mandate imposed on a county to have effect only if the state provides for payment to the county of the cost of the mandate;" and,

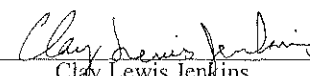
**WHEREAS**, Rep. Burt Solomons has filed HJR 56 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, a constitutional amendment that would "restrict the power of the Legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments," including counties, cities, hospital districts, community college districts, and special districts created by those entities; and

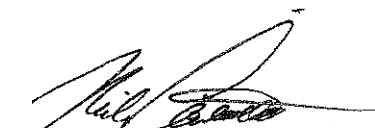
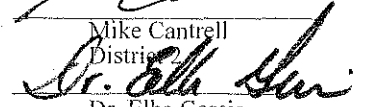
**WHEREAS**, HJR 56 states that "no bill enacted by the Legislature on or after Jan. 1, 2012 requiring a local government to establish, expand or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the local government shall be effective until and unless the Legislature appropriates or otherwise provides for the payment or reimbursement, from a source other than the revenue of the local government, of the costs incurred for the biennium by the local government in complying with the requirement;"

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes that it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of HJR 56, as well as encouraging all members of the Texas House of Representatives to co-sponsor HJR 56.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 25th day of January, 2011.

  
Maurine Dickey  
District 1  
  
John Wiley Price  
District 3

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Mike Cantrell  
District 2  
  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
District 4