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Requests for Opinions

RQ-0586-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Eduardo Serna
Zavala County Attorney
200 East Uvalde Street, Suite 2
Crystal City, Texas 78839

Re: Whether a commissioners court can rescind and readopt a different county budget after the annual budget was approved (RQ-0586-KP)

Briefs requested by April 11, 2025

RQ-0587-KP

Requestor:

The Honorable Cecil Bell, Jr.
Chair, House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
Texas House of Representatives
Post Office Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Interpretation of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 394, as applied to a housing finance corporation's residential development outside local government boundary (RQ-0587-KP)

Briefs requested by April 16, 2025

For further information, please access the website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or call the Opinion Committee at (512) 463-2110.

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Opinions

Opinion No. KP-0489

Colonel Freeman F. Martin
Director
Texas Department of Public Safety
Post Office Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Re: Validity of district court orders directing state agencies to amend a person's biological "sex" designation on state identification documents (RQ-0563-KP)

S U M M A R Y

The "judicial power" endowed to district courts does not countenance ex parte orders directing state agencies to amend a person's biological sex on driver's licenses or birth certificates. The underlying proceedings are coram non judge, and the resulting orders are void. State agencies must immediately correct any unlawfully altered driver's licenses or birth certificates that were changed pursuant to such orders.

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