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Honorable Dan Morales
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Opinion Committee

RE: EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE COUNSEL IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Dear General Morales:

I hereby request an official opinion from your office on the following issues:

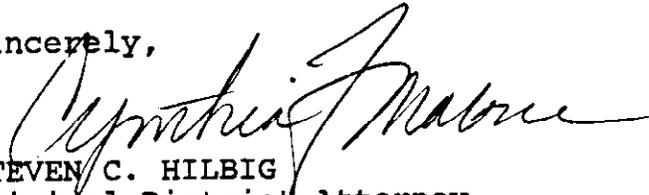
1. Whether the Bexar County Commissioners Court is legally authorized to employ private counsel to represent Bexar County in the redistricting of precinct boundaries.
2. If so, as between the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney and the Bexar County Commissioners Court, who has the right to select such private counsel?
3. If private counsel may be employed in the redistricting process, who determines the terms and duration of the employment of such counsel?

A complete brief is attached which includes conclusions and supporting authorities.

**ACCOMPANIED BY ENCLOSURES —
FILED SEPARATELY**

Please render an opinion at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jol: 
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable John A. Longoria