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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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Dear General Abbott:

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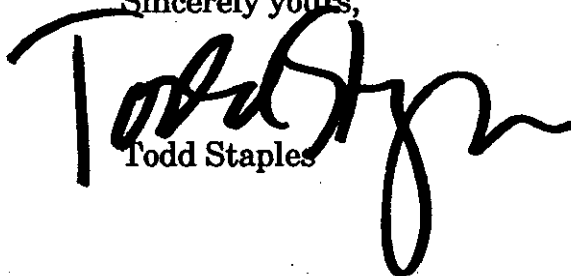
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I have been contacted by my constituents regarding the ability of a county with a population less than 18,000 to reduce the number of precincts for justices of the peace and constables from four to one.

It is my understanding, under Article 5 Section 18(a) of the Texas Constitution, a county with a population less than 18,000 may consolidate the number of precincts through an action of the Commissioners Court without aid from the legislature. I respectfully request a written response from your office on this issue.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue. If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

  
Todd Staples

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