

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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May 12, 2026

The Honorable Daryl Melton  
Sabine County Judge  
201 Main Street - PO Box 716  
Hemphill, TX 75948

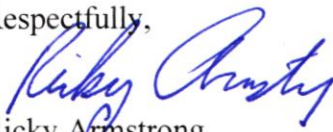
and

Sheriff Tom Maddox, Sr.  
Sabine County Sheriff  
PO Box 848  
Hemphill, TX 75948

Dear Judge Melton and Sheriff Maddox,

Your request for a variance from Minimum Jail Standards was an agenda item at the May 7, 2026, meeting of the Commission on Jail Standards. Please find enclosed the official action taken on your request. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

  
Ricky Armstrong  
Executive Director

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Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chair  
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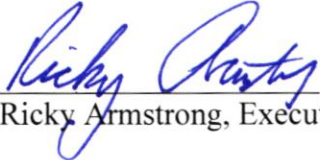
Commissioner Ben Perry, X  
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**SABINE COUNTY**

Section: 259.134 MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY CELLS

Commission Action:

Approved. A motion was made and seconded to allow Sabine County to continue to utilize one additional single bunk in cells E and F, making the total capacity for each cell, two. One double bunk added to cell B to be utilized for no more than 48 hours at a time, making the total capacity for cell B six. The total number of variance beds is four. Adding the additional beds would exceed the jail requirement of clear square footage required in cell B by 13.70 square foot short per inmate. Approved variance for a 6-month period until the November 2027 Commission Meeting, at this time will be approved for continuance.

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Ricky Armstrong, Executive Director