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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MURRAY L. HARRIS. CLERK FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

By

GENERAL ORDER

87-4 Re-assignment of TDC-Related \$1983 and \$2254 Cases

WHEREAS, by a general order of December 9, 1985, all civil actions filed by inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections against officers, agents, or employees thereof under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. \$1983 were assigned to the Honorable Robert M. Parker, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas; and

WHEREAS, by a general order filed on February 19, 1986, all applications for the writ of habeas corpus filed by inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections against any officer, agent, or employee thereof pursuant to 28 U.S.C. \$2254 were also assigned to Judge Parker (with the exception of five such actions); and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker, by written communication addressed to the undersigned judge, requested that, after March 1, 1987, he be relieved of his assignments to such \$1983 actions, except for those actions which would normally be assigned to him in accordance with the General Order Assigning Cases, dated July 12, 1985 (whereby all actions on the dockets of the several divisions of this judicial district were apportioned and assigned to the various judges thereof); and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker has further requested that, effective April 1, 1987, he be relieved of future assignments to such \$2254 actions, except for those actions which would normally be

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assigned to him by the order of July 12, 1985, referred to above; now, therefore,

Acting by the consent of the judges of this Court, it is ORDERED, <u>nunc pro tunc</u>, that all such \$1983 actions be assigned in conformity with the order of July 12, 1985, effective March 1, 1987; and that all such \$2254 actions be assigned in compliance with the order of July 12, 1985, effective April 1, 1987; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk for the Eastern District of Texas shall provide copies of this order to all petitioners and attorneys for the defendants in the \$1983 actions. It is further

ORDERED that all such \$1983 actions assigned to Judge Parker prior to March 1, 1987, and all such \$2254 actions assigned to him before April 1, 1987, remain on the docket of such judge, in conformity with his request in this relation.

Dated April 3, 1987