

Texas Constitution Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the Texas Constitution. The Constitution of 1876 is the sixth constitution by which Texas has been governed since independence from Mexico was achieved in 1836. It was framed by the Constitutional Convention of 1875 and adopted on February 15, 1876, and it remains the basic organic law of Texas. (Texas State Historical Association, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/constitution-of-1876>) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Constitution and Statutes Online
www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Secondary Resources in Print

The Handbook of Texas School Law: Containing Provisions of the Texas Constitution and Statutes Related to the Public KFT 1590.A3

The Impact of the Texas Constitution on the Criminal Justice System KFT 1762.B87

The Constitution of the State of Texas: An Annotated and Comparative Analysis KFT 1601 1876.A6 B7

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated KFT 1230.5

Texas Bill of Rights Litigation Manual KFT 1611.H37

West's Texas Digest 2d KFT 1257.W48

Texas Jur KFT 1265.T48

Online Resources

Texas Constitution (Includes Amendments Through the May 7, 2022, Constitutional Amendment Election)
<https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/TxConst.pdf>

Constitutions of Texas (1824-1876) (Tarlton Law)
<https://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/c.php?g=813324>

Texas Constitution (JUSTIA)
<https://law.justia.com/constitution/texas/>

Texas Constitution (Library of Congress)
<https://guides.loc.gov/law-us-texas/constitution>

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<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
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<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

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