

The Texas State Constitution.

Article 5; The Judicial Department.

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Sec. 12. JUDGES TO BE CONSERVATORS OF THE PEACE; INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATION.

(a) All judges of courts of this State, by virtue of their office,
are conservators of the peace throughout the State.

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Sec. 15. COUNTY COURT; COUNTY JUDGE.

There shall be established in each county in this State a County Court, which shall be a court of record;
and there shall be elected in each county, by the qualified voters, a County Judge,
who shall be well informed in the law of the State; shall be a conservator of the peace,
and shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.
He shall receive as compensation for his services such fees and perquisites
as may be prescribed by law. (Amended Nov. 2, 1954.)

Sec. 16. COUNTY COURTS; JURISDICTION; DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGE.

The County Court has jurisdiction as provided by law.

The County Judge is the presiding officer of the County Court
and has judicial functions as provided by law.

County court judges shall have the power to issue
writs necessary to enforce their jurisdiction.

... When the judge of the County Court is disqualified
in any case pending in the County Court
the parties interested may, by consent,
appoint a proper person to try said case,
or upon their failing to do so

a competent person may be appointed to try the same
in the county where it is pending
in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

(Amended Aug. 11, 1891, Nov. 7, 1978, Nov. 4, 1980, and Nov. 5, 1985.)

Sec. 17. TERMS OF COUNTY COURT; PROSECUTIONS; JURIES.

The County Court shall hold terms as provided by law.

Prosecutions may be commenced in said court
by information filed by the county attorney,
or by affidavit, as may be provided by law.

... (Amended Nov. 5, 1985.)