

GENERAL LAWS
OF
THE STATE OF TEXAS

PASSED AT THE
REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

CONVENED AT THE
CITY OF AUSTIN, JANUARY 12, 1897,
AND
ADJOURNED MAY 21, 1897.



AUSTIN:
BEN C. JONES & CO., STATE PRINTERS
1897

[NOTE.—The foregoing act was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on Tuesday, the second day of March, A. D. 1897, but was not signed by him nor returned to the house in which it originated with his objections thereto within the time prescribed by the Constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.—J. W. MADDEX, Secretary of State.]

H. B. No. 54.]

CHAPTER 25.

An act to amend Article 338 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas adopted A. D. 1893, so as to fix the penalty for unlawful carrying arms at a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Article 338 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas shall hereafter read as follows:

Article 338. If any person in this State shall carry on or about his person, saddle, or in his saddle-bags, any pistol, dirk, dagger, slungshot, sword-cane, spear, or knuckles made of any metal or any hard substance, bowie knife, or any other knife manufactured or sold for purposes of offense or defense, he shall be punished by fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars.

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Takes effect 90 days after adjournment.

H. B. No. 109.]

CHAPTER 26.

An act to amend Article 1814, Article 1815, and Article 1816, of Title XXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895 of the State of Texas, relating to the time and manner of making returns to the Secretary of State of elections for electors of President and Vice President, and of estimating the same, and of the meeting of the electors, and to add thereto Article 1815a, providing a method of determining contests for said offices.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Articles 1814, 1815, and 1816, of the Revised Civil Statutes (1895) of the State of Texas, be amended, and a new article to be known as Article 1815a be added thereto, so as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 1814. On the Monday next following the day of election, or as soon thereafter as the Commissioners' Court shall have opened the election returns, and estimated the result, in accordance with article 1753, the county judge shall make duplicate returns of the election, one of which he shall immediately transmit to the seat of government in this State, sealed in an envelope, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns for County for Presidential Electors,"