

# Texas Bill Of Rights Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the Texas Bill of Rights. "A foundational document, often contained in a constitution, defining the situations in which a politically organized society will permit free, spontaneous, and individual activity, and guaranteeing that governmental powers will not be used in certain ways." (*Black's Law Dictionary, 12<sup>th</sup> ed.*) 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.

*Related Guide: Texas Constitution, U.S. Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

The Texas Constitution

- Article 1. Bill of Rights  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/cn/html/cn.1.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Vernon's Annotated Constitution of the State of Texas KFT 1230.5**

Vol. 1 Article 1 Bill of Rights

**The Constitution of the State of Texas : An Annotated and Comparative Analysis KFT 1601 1976 .A6 B7**

**What Every Teen Should Know About Texas Law KFT 1281 .W28**

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Insurance Law (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 5 The Texas Constitutions and Civil Litigation, 1836-2024

**Bill of Rights Litigating the Constitution (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 5 The Texas Constitutions, 1836-2024: What Texas Lawyers Should Know

## Online Resources

Amendments to the Texas Constitution Since 1876 (Texas Legislative Council)

<https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/Constamend1876.pdf>

Origins of the Texas Bill of Rights (UNT)

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph101173/m1/554/>

Constitutions of Texas 1824-1879 (University of Texas School of Law Library)

<https://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/constitutions/texas-1876-en/introduction>

Article I of the Texas Constitution ("Bill of Rights") (Texas Legal Guide)

[https://texaslegalguide.com/Texas\\_Constitution:Article\\_I](https://texaslegalguide.com/Texas_Constitution:Article_I)

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)

