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## **PREFACE**

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This recompiled volume is designed to preserve and extend the practical utility of VERNON'S ANNOTATED TEXAS CONSTITUTION by bringing to date the presentation of the Constitution of 1876 and the judicial constructions and interpretations thereof. This volume is complete through the amendments adopted November 8, 2005. The catchlines or section headings are not a part of the official text. They have been editorially supplied for the convenience of the user.

### **UNANNOTATED CONSTITUTION**

This volume contains the complete text of the Constitution of 1876 in unannotated form. Thus, the user who wishes quick access to the text only can consult this portion of the volume. If further information is needed, resort can be had to the fully annotated text which follows the Index.

### **INTERPRETIVE COMMENTARIES**

Interpretive and informative commentaries, prepared by the late A.J. Thomas, Jr., former Dean Ad Interim and Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University School of Law, and Ann Van Wynen Thomas, former Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University School of Law, following the sections of the text to which they are pertinent, review the history of the several provisions and their application to particular constitutional questions.

### **EARLIER CONSTITUTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS**

The organic laws and Constitution of the Republic of Texas, the earlier state Constitutions of 1845, 1861, 1866 and 1869, the Constitution of the United States, the Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence of the United States, and other documents are set out in the final volume of the Constitution for reference purposes.

### **INDEX**

A detailed descriptive word Index to facilitate the search for specific provisions of the text is contained in this volume following the unannotated text of the Constitution.

### **STANDARD FEATURES**

Numerous additional features enhance the value of the volumes as a medium of research and assist the user in construing and applying the law.

These features include—

## **PREFACE**

### **Historical and Statutory Notes**

Amendment notes are editorially prepared for Constitutional amendments to describe changes in the text of the Constitution. Pertinent earlier Constitutions are listed to preserve the historical background of the Constitution sections. One can thus trace the development of a Constitutional provision from its origin to its modern successor in the Constitution of 1876.

### **Constitutional Provisions**

Where applicable, the substance of closely related constitutional provisions is set out under this heading.

### **Cross References**

Related laws are referred to in this feature for the convenience of the user. Citations include references to other sections of the Texas Constitution as well as other Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, Vernon's Annotated Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Evidence, and Rules of Appellate Procedure.

### **Administrative Code References**

References to the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) are included under relevant articles and sections.

### **Law Review Commentaries**

Pertinent articles and commentaries in the various law reviews and bar journals published in Texas are brought to the user's attention under this heading.

### **Library References**

This feature contains references to pertinent Key Numbers in the American Digest System and to sections in Corpus Juris Secundum (C.J.S.). These references open the door to constructions and interpretations of statutory law in all jurisdictions throughout the country. Where applicable, this feature contains references to the Texas Practice Series and to West's Texas Forms, publications that can provide the user with valuable aid in his or her practice.

### **Notes of Decisions**

This feature, the distinguishing hallmark of Vernon's Texas Codes and Statutes Annotated, consists of a thorough treatment of judicial constructions of the Constitution, by both the federal and state courts, as well as opinions by the attorney general. Annotations referring to judicial constructions and attorney general opinions relevant to each section are grouped under descriptive headings or catchlines. These catchlines are numbered and alphabetically indexed for greater certainty and convenience in research.

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