

The Texas State Constitution.

Article 5; The Judicial Department.

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Sec. 1. JUDICIAL POWER; COURTS IN WHICH VESTED.

The judicial power of this State shall be vested in one Supreme Court, in one Court of Criminal Appeals, in Courts of Appeals, in District Courts, in County Courts, in Commissioners Courts, in Courts of Justices of the Peace, and in such other courts as may be provided by law.

... (Amended Aug. 11, 1891, Nov. 8, 1977, and Nov. 4, 1980.)

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Sec. 1-a. RETIREMENT, CENSURE, REMOVAL,
AND COMPENSATION OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES;
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT; PROCEDURE.

(6) A. Any Justice or Judge of the courts established by this Constitution or created by the Legislature as provided in Section 1, Article V, of this Constitution, may, subject to the other provisions hereof, be removed from office

for

willful or persistent violation of rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Texas, incompetence in performing the duties of the office, willful violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, or willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties
or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice.

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On the filing of a sworn complaint charging a person holding such office with willful or persistent violation of rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Texas, incompetence in performing the duties of the office, willful violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, or willful and persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties
or casts public discredit on the judiciary or on the administration of justice, the Commission, after giving the person notice and an opportunity to appear and be heard before the Commission, may recommend to the Supreme Court
the suspension of such person from office.

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