

A Constitutional Comparison of Massachusetts and Texas

Feature	Massachusetts	Texas (1845)	Texas (1876)
Year adopted	1780	1845	1876
Word length	45,000	11,600	87,000
Amendments	120	1	491
Feature	Massachusetts	Texas (1845)	Texas (1876)
Major sections	4	13	17
Executive offices elected			
Governor	✓	✓	✓
Lieutenant governor	✓	✓	✓
Secretary of state	✓	X	X
Attorney general	✓	X	✓
Treasurer/Comptroller	✓	X	✓
Other	✓ (1)	X	✓ (2)
Legislature	General Court	Texas Legislature	Texas Legislature
Senate			
Size	40	At least 19 but no more than 33	31
Length of term	2 years	4 years	4 years
House			
Size	160	At least 45 but no more than 90	150
Length of term	2 years	2 years	2 years
Judiciary	Appointed	Appointed	Elected
Statewide referendum to amend constitution	✓	✓	✓
Statewide referendum to make general laws	✓	X	X
Initiative petition to amend constitution	✓	X	X
Initiative petition to make general laws	✓	X	X