

CHECK LIST OF TEXAS STATUTES DEALING WITH  
THE COASTAL ZONE

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Check List of State of Texas statutes dealing with the Coastal Zone:

Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated.

- §969a. Authorization for 99-year lease of islands or submerged lands by certain cities.
- §969a-1. Authorizes lease, sale, option or conveyance of islands, flats or other submerged lands.
- §1180a. Powers conferred on certain cities to improve streams or other bodies of water within their boundaries.
- §1187a. Cities authorized to construct bridges over and dykes and spillways along any body of navigable water.
- §1187a-1. Bonds for construction for International Bridge across Rio Grande.
- §1187a-2. Cities owning portion of international toll bridge over Rio Grande may issue bonds for construction and repairs.
- §1187b. Revenue bonds for operation by city of any tollway over or bridge under any inlet of the Gulf of Mexico.
- §1466. Authority for any person to build causeways over inlet of Gulf of Mexico for every type of inland transportation.
- §1467. Owner required to file report giving location of causeway within 90 days of commencement of construction.
- §1468. Suit to file such statement shall be first in right to build.
- §1469. Individual has right of eminent domain to condemn approaches.
- §1470. Land under water is granted to claimant and 500 feet on each side for dredging.
- §1471. Owner of causeway may lease right of way to cities and corporations.
- §1472. Lessee of causeway may issue bonds to cover obligation to owner.
- §1473. Corporations have same right as individuals to construct causeway.
- §1592a. Gulfroad boundary lines of counties bordering on Gulf.
- §4026. All aquatic life in bodies of water within the state declared to be property of the state.

- §4027. Designation of natural oyster beds.
- §4035. Right of individual to obtain location for planting of oyster beds and making private oyster beds within public waters.
- §4036. Location of oyster bed to be examined to determine that it is not a natural oyster bed and then have it surveyed.
- §4037. Issuance of certificate to locator of oyster bed.
- §4038. Any person holding certificate as locator of oyster bed shall be protected from trespass.
- §4039. No person or corporation to own more than 100 acres of oyster bed.
- §4040. Locator of oyster to maintain survey markings of location.
- §4041. Locator will pay rent to state \$1.50/acre each year plus \$.02/barrel of sales.
- §4042. Anyone taking oysters from water for market must have state permit to do so.
- §4043. Unlawful to transport oysters, except from private beds between May and September.
- §4045. Unlawful to seine in closed waters.
- §4046. Application to seine for drum fish in area of oyster claims.
- §4047. Permit to use shrimp seine in tidal basins of the state.
- §4048. Use of scrapers or dredges on oyster beds restricted to American citizens on permit provided from state.
- §4049a. Authorization to construct salt water hatcheries on state-owned islands.
- §4050a. Consent of state to acquisition of state land for federal migratory bird reservation.
- §4054a. Authorization for coastal cities to take sand, gravel, and shell from any water to improve and repair seawalls.
- §4054b. Removal of sand of no commercial value from Corpus Christi bay to fill salt flats north of the city.
- §5248a. Easement granted to federal government for Inter-Coastal Waterway across Mud Bayou and East Bay Bayou.
- §5248b. Easement to federal government in Brazoria, Matagorda, Calhoun, and Aransas Counties for Inter-Coastal Waterway.

§5248c. Land in Nueces Bay conveyed to federal government for military installation .

§5382b. Geological and geophysical survey of areas within the tidewater limits.

§5415a. Fixing of Gulfward boundary of state and declaration of sovereignty within that boundary.

§5415b. Acceptance of land adjoining state acquired from Mexico by treaty with federal government in 1933.

§5415c. Survey of coast line to determine low water contour.

§5415d. Public declared owners of beaches along coast line.

§5415e. Conservation of state-owned submerged lands for public Free School Fund. Creation of Submerged Lands Advisory Committee.

§5416. Land with public domain except that within the tidewater limits declared part of school fund.

§5421c. Regulatory lease and sale of land within school fund excluding areas within tidewater limits.

§5421c-3. Mineral estate in tidewater area set apart to benefit school fund.

§5421c-4. Execution of surface lease and easements within tidewater area to federal government for national defense purposes.

§5421c-5. Price of mineral lease for tidewater area within school fund to be set by School Land Board.

§5421c-7. Tidewater area subject to mineral prospecting for rental payment of \$.10 per acre.

§5421j. Land fill area of Corpus Christi Bay deeded to City of Corpus Christi.

§5421j-1. City may lease land fill relinquished to it by state.

§5421j-2. City of Corpus Christi authorized to lease submerged land upon whatever terms it wishes.

§5421k. Submerged lands across Nueces Bay conveyed to Highway Commission for construction of causeway.

§5517. Right of state and municipalities in any public lands shall not be banned by adverse possession.

§6020a. Commissioner of General Land Office empowered to grant easement to public utility companies to cross tidewater area.

- §6081g. Cities of 60,000 or more population bordering on Gulf of Mexico granted use and occupancy for park purposes of tidelands and waters.
- §6317. Railroad allowed to construct right of way across public lands.
- §6329. Right to build right of way does not include construction that will obstruct navigable water.
- §6339. The right of way secured will not include the fee simple estate.
- §6674e. Money deposited in State Treasury for highway funds and federal aid for that project are subject to appropriation for that specific purpose.
- §6795b. Causeways, bridges, and tunnels authorized in Gulf Coast counties of 20,000 or more.
- §6795b-1. Causeways, bridges and tunnels authorized in Gulf Coast counties of 50,000 or more.
- §6797C. Removal of bridges obstructing intercoastal waterways.
- §6798. Every person owning the land fronting upon any water course navigable stream, lake or bay shall be entitled to keep a public ferry.
- §6812a. State Highway Department authorized to acquire ferries across navigable bodies of water and charge tolls for their operation.
- §6830. County commissioners of all counties on coast line may construct seawalls.
- §6831. Commissioners may use street and other public grounds for the location and erection of the seawalls.
- §6832. Commissioner may exercise eminent domain power for the acquisition of land for the seawalls.
- §6837. State cedes sea bottom below high tide to counties as needed for construction of seawall.
- §7962. Reclamation of overflowed land by levee improvement district.
- §8225. Navigation District Commissioners are empowered to acquire property for all necessary improvements.
- §8247B. Navigation district may construct harbors, turning basins and other projects for navigation purposes.

§8248. Pilot Board for Navigation District.

§8249. Navigation Districts have exclusive jurisdiction over pilotage of boats.

§8263e. Creating self-liquidating Navigation Districts.

Texas Penal Code Annotated.

Art. 698b. Pollution of public bodies of surface water prohibited.

Art. 934a. Commercial fishermen and oystermen required to secure licenses from State Game and Fish Commission.

Art. 941. Unlawful to use seine or net without permit.

Art. 9521-4. Regulating taking of shrimp.

Art. 9521-10. Regulating taking of shrimp in tidal water and Galveston Bay.

Art. 976a. Removal of sand or gravel between seawall and water edge, penalty.

Art. 978f. Game, Fish and Oyster Commission created.