

The office of constable is mandated by Article 5, section 18 of the Texas constitution, which states in each justice of the peace precinct a Constable shall be elected by county constituents every four years.

Constables are sworn Texas peace officers with full law enforcement and arrest powers, they have the full right, duty, and authority to enforce all criminal and civil laws and ordinances that are county or state based and they can do this anywhere in the state of Texas.

In accordance with section 411.009 (a) of the Texas government code each elected or appointed constable is an associate member of the Texas Department of public safety and are entitled to the rights and privileges granted to them by that department.

Duties and responsibilities of constables; act as bailiff, assist other law enforcement agencies, conduct evictions, execute judgments, respond to emergencies as needed, serve warrants, service of process, subpoena witnesses, traffic control, and truancy programs.

The only exception to this statement above; constables do not enforce city ordinances.