
WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 7, Constitution of the State of Texas, designates the Governor as the Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State; and

WHEREAS, Article 5788, Section 36, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, states that the Governor may prescribe the procedures including modes of proof, in cases before military courts and other military tribunals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby prescribe the Texas Manual for Courts-Martial (Revised Edition, 1981). Executive Order DB-24 and all previous manuals for courts-martial for the state military forces are rescinded.

This manual shall be in force and effect in the State Military Forces of Texas on and after Nov. 1, 1981, with respect to all military justice proceedings taken on or after that date. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this manual shall be construed to invalidate any investigation, trial in which arraignment has been made, or other action begun prior to that date; and any such investigation, trial or other action begun prior to that date may be completed in accordance with the applicable laws and manual provisions pertaining to State Military Forces in the same manner and with the same effect as if this manual had not been prescribed.

This Executive Order is effective on and after November 1, 1981, or until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 14th day of September, 1981.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

Asst. Secretary of State