Constitution of the United States, so help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of perjury (as the case may be); which oaths or affirmations shall be taken before, and certified by, any officer lawfully authorized to administer oaths. And any person who shall knowingly swear or affirm falsely in taking either of such oaths or affirmations, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment not less than one year, and not more than ten years, and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars, and not more than ten thousand dollars. And in all trials for any violation of this act, the certificate of the taking of either of said oaths or affirmations, with proof of the signature of the party accused shall be taken and held as conclusive evidence that such oath or affirmation was regularly and lawfully administered by competent authority: *And provided further*, That every such person who shall neglect for the period of thirty days next after the passage of this act to take, subscribe, and file such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to all intents and purposes to have vacated his office: *And provided further*, That the State of Texas is admitted to representation in Congress as one of the States of the Union, upon the following fundamental conditions: First. That the constitution of Texas shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote who are entitled to vote by the constitution herein recognized, except as a punishment for such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State: *Provided*, That any alteration of said constitution, prospective in its effects, may be made in regard to the time and place of residence of voters. Second. That it shall never be lawful for the said State to deprive any citizen of the United States on account of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude, of the right to hold office under the constitution and laws of said State, or upon any such ground to require of him any other qualifications for office than such as are required of all other citizens. Third. That the constitution of Texas shall never be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the school rights and privileges secured by the constitution of said State.

Oaths, &c. before whom to be taken.

Perjury in taking either oath, how punished.

Certificate of taking, &c. to be evidence.

Neglect for thirty days to take, &c. the oath, to vacate office.

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Fundamental conditions of the admission of Texas to representation in Congress.

No citizen or class to be deprived of right to vote, except, &c.;

or to hold office on account of race, color, &c.;

or of school rights and privileges.

APPROVED, March 30, 1870.

CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act to facilitate the Administration of Justice in the State of Texas.* April 5, 1870.

WHEREAS the present incumbent of the office of district judge for the eastern district of the State of Texas is incapacitated by sickness and paralysis from performing the duties of his office, and has remained so incapacitated for a long period, which incapacity is believed to be permanent, by reason of which the government and citizens of the United States have been unable to have their business transacted in that court, and have suffered great loss and inconvenience therefrom: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the resignation of the district judge for the eastern district of the State of Texas, being tendered and accepted by the President of the United States, the salary now received by said judge shall be continued to him during his natural life, payable in the same manner and form as if he actually performed the duties of his office.

Salary of the district judge for the eastern district of Texas, to be continued to him during his life, upon the tender and acceptance of his resignation.

APPROVED, April 5, 1870.

CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act giving the Consent of the United States to the Erection of a Bridge across the Delaware River, between Philadelphia and Camden.* April 6, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United

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