

PREFACE

This is the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's *2026 Forms Book*, Seventeenth Edition, with changes incorporated from the 89th Legislature, including the Regular and Second Special Sessions. Several forms have changed due to statutory amendments, and some new forms have been created to ensure that municipal courts have most, if not all, of the forms necessary to efficiently and effectively process cases and serve the ends of justice. Look for the  icon to indicate forms that have changed since the last edition. The  icon indicates a new form. The new form, Election by Child Defendant: Discharging the Fines and Costs, addresses the requirement that courts allow children to elect at the time of conviction the method of discharging the fine and costs. Such elections must be made in writing. Updated forms include those related to expunctions (S.B. 1667), driving safety courses (S.B. 296), deferred disposition (H.B. 16), setting bail (S.B. 9 and S.J.R. 5), warrant reimbursement fees (H.B. 2282), community service (H.B. 16), and jail credit (H.B. 16).

Take a few moments to review each new and updated form and determine whether it might be of benefit to your court. Note that the top of each form includes a heading containing our title for the form and its statutory basis. Editor's notes are located on some forms to highlight important changes or resources for further guidance. Your court may delete all this information for practical use. Italicized language is intended to direct and assist in filling in the form and may also be deleted. Remember that all papers issued out of the court (except for subpoenas) and all documents of the court that need authenticating should bear the municipal court's seal. Feel free to modify these forms to accommodate the needs of your court.

We are constantly revising the forms within this publication, and we greatly appreciate suggestions and examples from municipal courts across the state to help make this book as useful and accurate as possible. Please note: In 2023, H.B. 4504 recodified Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedure as Chapter 45A, which took effect January 1, 2025. This edition of the *Forms Book* reflects the new article numbers created by that bill. Subsequently, this book will be revised as needed to reflect any changes made by the next legislative session and Texas courts. **Always check the online version of the Forms Book for the most current forms.** For forms related to youth diversion, go to the TMCEC Youth Diversion webpage at tmcec.com/youth-diversion.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS FORMS BOOK

A.B.C.	Alcoholic Beverage Code
Art.	Article
C.C.P.	Code of Criminal Procedure
E.C.	Education Code
F.C.	Family Code
G.C.	Government Code
H.S.C.	Health and Safety Code
JNA	Juvenile Now Adult
No.	Number
P.C.	Penal Code
Sec.	Section
T.C.	Transportation Code
TMCEC	Texas Municipal Courts Education Center
VACS	Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes