

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE  
CHAPTER 694. BURIAL

Sec. 694.001. DUTIES OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. The Texas Department of Health shall regulate the disposal, transportation, interment, and disinterment of dead bodies to the extent reasonable and necessary to protect public health and safety.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

Sec. 694.002. DUTY OF COMMISSIONERS COURT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF BODY OF DECEASED PAUPERS. (a) The commissioners court of each county shall provide for the disposition of the body of a deceased pauper. The commissioners court may adopt rules to implement this section.

(b) The commissioners court shall consider any information, including the religious affiliation of the deceased pauper, provided by a person listed in Section 711.002(a).

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 14, Sec. 211, eff. Sept. 1, 1991; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 929, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 694.003. POWER OF GOVERNING BODY OF TYPE A GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY CONCERNING BURIAL. The governing body of a Type A general-law municipality may regulate the burial of the dead.

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