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House BILL
No. 312
12 LEGISLATURE.

SUBJECT MATTER:
Regulating the right to
keep and bear arms.

HOW DISPOSED OF: (TX)

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An Act
Regulating the right to keep and bear
arms

Sec 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas; That it shall not be lawful for any person in this State to carry about his person any sword, cane dagger or knife of any description, except a pocket knife or any kind of fire arms called and known as pistols, ~~the~~ ^{being} the term Pistol ^{being} intended to include Revolvers and every variety of small arms now in use, or that may hereafter be invented that might properly come under that designation.

Sec 2.

Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before any Court of competent jurisdiction shall forfeit the weapons or fire arms so carried and be fined in a sum of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred, or be imprisoned in the County jail not less than five days nor more than thirty or both at the discretion of the Court or jury trying the same and the personal possession

by any person of ^{with} the said weapons shall be considered prima facie violation of this act; provided that this act shall not apply to persons while in locations subject to Indian depredations and the Governor is required to designate by proclamation the Counties which are thus infested, and the Counties so designated shall be considered exempt from the force ~~of this act~~ ^{of this act}; and provided further that this act shall not apply to Peace Officers charged with the execution of the law.

Sec 3.

Judges of the several District Courts in the State, shall give this law especially in charge to the Grand Jurors and it is made the duty of all Peace Officers in this State to arrest without warrant any person found violating the provisions contained in this act, and take him before the nearest Justice of the Peace or other Court.

Sec 4.

The weapons or fire arms so forfeited shall be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds of which to be paid into the County Treasury

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and go to the jury fund in the
County where tried.

Sec 5.

All laws and parts of law
conflicting with the provisions of
this Act be and the same are hereby
repealed: and that this Act take
effect thirty days from and after
its passage.

This is really a good bill.

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