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CHRONOLOGY

- 1860, Aug. 5. The town of Henderson was burned. About this time there were many reports of incendiary fires, poisonings, negro uprisings and the like, which produced a mania of suspicion, leading to the expulsion of suspects and in a few cases to lynching. There sprang into existence committees of safety, military companies, and the K. G. C. found a ready welcome.
- Aug. 6. State election for attorney general, comptroller and treasurer.
- Aug. 18. Sam Houston in an address to "My friends in the United States" withdrew his name from the list of candidates for the presidency.
- Oct. 26-Nov. 15. Many castles of the K. G. C. were organized.
- Nov. 6. Presidential election day.
- Nov. 15-Dec. 31. Many public meetings were held at which the convening of the legislature in extra session was requested.
- Nov. 21. Sam Houston to the citizens of the frontier.
- Nov. 22-27. Indian raid in Jack county.
- Nov. 28. Sam Houston to the governors of the Southern States.
- Dec. 1. O. M. Roberts made a public address at Austin.
- Dec. 3. O. M. Roberts prepared a call for a convention.
- Dec. 3. Sam Houston to the people of Texas.
- Dec. 3. Delegate elected to State convention in district 35.
- Dec. 8. Citizens at Austin issued a call for a convention.
- Dec. 15. R. T. Wheeler published a letter respecting the crisis.
- Dec. 17. Sam Houston issued proclamation convening legislature in extra session January 21, 1861.
- Dec. 20. South Carolina seceded.
- Dec. 22. Mass meeting of Unionists at Austin.
- Dec. 22. Delegates elected in districts 3 and 48.
- Dec. 24. Delegates elected in district 15.
- Dec. 26. Delegates elected in district 19.
- Dec. 27. Sam Houston issued proclamation for an election on February 4, 1861, for seven delegates to a convention of the Southern States.
- Dec. 29. Delegates elected in district 24.
- Dec. 31. Delegates elected in district 21.
1861. Jan. 1. Delegates elected in district 38.
- Jan. 5. Printing office of *Die Union*, Galveston, destroyed by mob.
- Jan. 5. J. M. Calhoun, commissioner from Alabama, to Sam Houston.
- Jan. 7. Sam Houston to J. M. Calhoun.
- Jan. 8. Unofficial election of delegates to a State convention.
- Jan. 9. Mississippi seceded.
- Jan. 11. Alabama and Florida seceded.
- Jan. 20. Georgia seceded.
- Jan. 21. Legislature met in called session.
- Jan. 21. Legislature repealed joint resolution, authorizing the sending of delegates to a convention of the Southern States.
- Jan. 21. Sam Houston sent a message to the legislature.
- Jan. 26. Louisiana seceded.
- Jan. 28. Convention met.
- Jan. 30. Committee on public safety was appointed.
- Feb. 1. Convention adopted ordinance of secession.
- Feb. 2. Convention adopted declaration of causes which impelled Texas to secede.
- Feb. 4. Governor Houston approved joint resolution, passed January 28, by the legislature recognizing the convention.

- Feb. 4. Convention elected delegates to the Montgomery convention.
- Feb. 4. Convention adjourned until March 2nd.
- Feb. 6. Address to the people of Texas by the opponents of secession.
- Feb. 9. Legislature adjourned until March 18th.
- Feb. 9. Governor Houston issued proclamation ordering election to be held Feb. 23 for ratifying or rejecting the ordinance of secession.
- Feb. 10. O. M. Roberts issued an address advocating the adoption of the ordinance of secession by the people.
- Feb. 16. U. S. arsenal and barracks at San Antonio were seized by committee on public safety.
- Feb. 18. U. S. military posts in Texas surrendered by Gen. Twiggs.
- Feb. 19. General Twiggs was superseded by Colonel Waite.
- Feb. 21. U. S. property at Brazos Santiago seized.
- Feb. 21. Camp Cooper abandoned.
- Feb. 23. Election. For ratifying the ordinance of secession and to fill vacancies in the convention.
- Feb. 26. Camp Colorado abandoned.
- Mar. 1. General Twiggs dismissed from the service of the U. S.
- Mar. 2. Convention reassembled.
- Mar. 4. Vote on ordinance of secession counted.
- Mar. 4. Gov. Houston issued proclamation declaring Texas had seceded.
- Mar. 4. Convention adopted ordinance relative to the removal of U. S. troops from Texas.
- Mar. 5. Convention adopted ordinance uniting Texas with the Confederate States.
- Mar. 6. Gov. Houston refused to recognize the convention.
- Mar. 7. Ringgold Barracks abandoned.
- Mar. 7. Camp Verde abandoned.
- Mar. 12. Fort McIntosh abandoned.
- Mar. 14. Convention adopted ordinance to provide for the continuance of the existing State government.
- Mar. 15. Camp Wood abandoned.
- Mar. 15. Convention administered oath to State officers members of the convention.
- Mar. 16. Convention administered oath to State officers.
- Mar. 16. Sam Houston's address to the people of Texas.
- Mar. 16. Offices of Governor and Secretary of State declared vacant.
- Mar. 17. Camp Hudson abandoned.
- Mar. 18. Legislature reassembled.
- Mar. 18. Sam Houston offered a message to the legislature.
- Mar. 19. Fort Clark abandoned.
- Mar. 19. Fort Inge abandoned.
- Mar. 19. Fort Lancaster abandoned.
- Mar. 19. Oath administered to members of the legislature.
- Mar. 20. Fort Brown abandoned.
- Mar. 20. Fort Duncan abandoned.
- Mar. 21. Sam Houston's farewell address.
- Mar. 23. Fort Chadbourne abandoned.
- Mar. 23. Convention ratified permanent constitution of the Confederate States.
- Mar. 25. Convention adjourned.
- Mar. 29. Fort Mason abandoned.
- Mar. 31. Fort Bliss abandoned.
- Apr. 5. Fort Quitman abandoned.
- Apr. 9. Legislature adjourned.
- Apr. 12. Fort Sumter, S. C., fired upon.