

- Sec 15<sup>th</sup> Divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall not be granted but in cases provided for by law, by suit in Chancery
- Sec 16<sup>th</sup> Returns of all elections by the people shall be made to the Secretary of State, in such manner as may be prescribed by law
- Sec 17<sup>th</sup> No new County shall be established by the Legislature which shall reduce the County or Counties or either of them from which it may be taken to less contents than five Hundred and twenty six square miles, nor shall any new County be laid off of less contents
- Sec 18<sup>th</sup> The Legislature shall have power to admit to all the rights and privileges of free white Citizens of this State all such persons of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians as shall choose to remain in this State, upon such terms as the Legislature may from time to time deem proper

### Slaves

Sec 18<sup>th</sup> The Legislature shall have no power to pass laws for the emancipation of slaves without the consent of their owners, unless when the State shall have rendered to the State some distinguished service, in which case the owner shall be paid a full equivalent for the slave so emancipated, They shall have no power to prevent immigrants to this State from bringing with them such persons as are deemed slaves by the laws of any one of the United States, so long as any person of the same age or description shall be continued in slavery by the laws of this State, Provided <sup>that</sup> such person or slave be the bona fide property of such immigrant

And provided also that laws may be passed to prohibit the introduction into this State of slaves who may have committed high crimes in other States. They shall have power to pass laws to permit the owners of slaves to emancipate them, saving the rights of creditors and preventing them from becoming a public charge. They shall have full power to oblige the owners of slaves to treat them with humanity, to provide for them necessary clothing and provisions, to abstain from all injuries to them extending to life or limb, and in case of their neglect or refusal to comply with the direction of such laws, to have such slave or slaves sold for the benefit of the owner or owners.

Sec 2. The introduction of slaves into this State as merchandise or for sale, shall be prohibited from and after the first day of May eighteen hundred and thirty three. provided that the actual settler or settlers shall not be prohibited from purchasing slaves in any State, in this Union, and bringing them into this State for their own individual use, until the year eighteen hundred and forty five.

Sec 3. In the prosecution of slaves for crimes of which the punishment is not capital, no inquest by a grand jury shall be necessary; but the proceedings in such cases shall be regulated by law.

### Mode of Revising the Constitution

Whenever two thirds of each branch of the Legislature shall deem any change, alteration or amendment necessary to this Constitution, such proposed change, alteration or amendment shall be read and passed by a majority of two thirds of each house respectively on each day, for three several days; public notice thereof shall then be given by the Secretary of State