

[Mansfield Integration Incident A Mini-Unit of School Desegregation and Social Justice: TEXAS CONSTITUTION 1953-57, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7](#)

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Article 2906

Sec. 2. The Governor, through the Department of Public Safety, shall provide assistance when called upon by local authorities to prevent violence and maintain peace and order in the operation of public schools; provided that the Texas National Guard and other military forces shall not be used for direction or control of the operation, or attendance at such schools. In any instance where the Governor by written proclamation, or the school board having jurisdiction finds that violence or the danger thereof cannot be prevented except by resort to military force or occupation of a public school, the school board may close the school and suspend its operation for such period as the board finds it necessary to maintain order and the public peace in accordance with the terms of this Act.

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Sec. 2.1/2 In any instance where the school board having jurisdiction finds that violence or the danger thereof cannot be prevented except by resort to military force or occupation of a public school, and certifies such fact to the Governor, it shall be the duty of the Governor to close such school and suspend its operation until such time as the aforesaid school board shall certify to the Governor that such closure is no longer necessary in the maintenance of order and public peace; and upon such certification that the closure is no longer necessary, the Governor must cancel and annul such closure, and issue a proclamation to that effect. In the event a school is closed under the provisions of this section, then the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this Act shall apply. The provisions of this section are in addition to and cumulative of other provisions of this Act.

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Sec 3. In the event the National Guard or any other military troops or personnel are employed or used upon order of any Federal authority on public school property or in the vicinity of any public school for direction or control of the order, operation, or attendance at such school, the school board having jurisdiction may close the school and suspend its operation so long as said troops remain on or within the vicinity of the school for any of such purposes.

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