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SEC. 165. The Legislature shall have power to establish and to abolish municipalities; to provide for their government; to prescribe their jurisdiction and powers, and to alter and amend the same at any time. When any municipality shall be abolished, provision shall be made for the protection of its creditors.

Art. 8, Sec. 8.
Constitution.

SEC. 166. The Legislature shall authorize the several counties and incorporated cities or towns in the State to assess and impose taxes for county and municipal purposes, and for no other purposes, and all property shall be taxed upon the principles established for State taxation. But the cities and incorporated towns shall make their own assessments for municipal purposes upon the property within their limits.

Art. 9, Sec. 5.
Constitution.

FRANCHISES, HOW FORFEITED.

SEC. 167. Whenever any street railroad, gas, electric lighting, telephone, telegraph, or other company or corporation, person or firm, which has received or shall receive from any municipal corporation in this State any franchise, grant, right, privilege, license or immunity to use, or under which such company, corporation, person or firm shall use, any of the streets or parts thereof, within such municipal corporation, for the placing and maintaining in such streets of any tracks, pipes, wires, poles, or other things necessary to the carrying on of the business of such company, cor-

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