**Mexican Constitution of 1824**

**formed state of Coahuila y Texas**
- The capital was far from Texas.
- It was hard for Texans to participate in state government.
- Some Texans were angered.

**gave states strong local control**
- Local government could adjust to meet local needs, particularly those of U.S. settlers.
- Local government became a mixture of Mexican and U.S. practices.

**Roman Catholicism the official religion**
- Texans, and in particular U.S. settlers, publicly claimed to be Catholic but privately worshiped as they pleased.

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**Legend**
- Major roads
- Department of Béxar
- Department of Nacogdoches
- Department of Brazos
- Coahuila
- Early settlement
- Present-day state boundaries

**Map**
- United States
- Texas
- Southwest
- Mexico
- River R.
- Mexico City
- San Antonio
- Galveston