

Appendix A - Secession Table

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	Secession Date	Joined CSA	Independent State	USA Used in CSA
South Carolina	20 DEC 1860	4 FEB 1861	46 Days	117 Days
Mississippi	9 JAN 1861	4 FEB 1861	26 Days	117 Days
Florida	10 JAN 1861	4 FEB 1861	25 Days	117 Days
Alabama	11 JAN 1861	4 FEB 1861	24 Days	117 Days
Georgia	19 JAN 1861	4 FEB 1861	16 Days	117 Days
Louisiana	26 JAN 1861	4 FEB 1861	9 Days	117 Days
Texas *	1 FEB 1861 (ordinance) 2 MAR 1861 (effective)	5 MAR 1861	32 Days 3 Days	88 Days
Virginia **	17 APR 1861	7 MAY 1861	20 Days	25 Days
Arkansas	6 MAY 1861	18 MAY 1861	12 Days	14 Days
North Carolina	20 MAY 1861	27 MAY 1861	7 Days	5 Days
Tennessee ***	8 JUN 1861	2 JUL 1861	24 Days	None
Missouri ****		28 NOV 1861	None	None
Kentucky ****		10 DEC 1861	None	None

* **Texas** adopted the Ordinance of Secession on 1 FEB 1861. A vote of the people ratified the ordinance on 23 FEB 1861 to become effective 2 MAR 1861. Texas accepted Confederate statehood on 5 MAR 1861. The 6 MAR 1861 date used in some other secession tables is an error. The new Confederate catalog soon to be published may very likely list the 2 MAR 1861 date as the official Texas secession date which will be a radical change from all the previous catalogs. Texas historians and Texas tradition have long accepted the 1 FEB 1861 date as the day of de facto secession. And that is not about to change. Both dates are presented in this table. The Texas collectors will simply have to choose what they want to collect.

** **Virginia** adopted the Ordinance of Secession on 17 APR 1861 and was admitted to the CSA on 7 MAY 1861. The entire process was ratified by a vote of the people on 23 MAY 1861.

*** **Tennessee** legislature decided on 6 MAY 1861 to put the question of secession directly to a vote of the people but did not at that time adopt an Ordinance of Secession. The secession vote was held as a popular referendum on 8 JUN 1861. The vote was clearly in favor of secession. The state legislature therefore adopted the Ordinance of Secession dated 8 JUN 1861. The 6 MAY 1861 date that appears in some prior secession tables is incorrect.

**** **Missouri** and **Kentucky** officially remained Union states and did not secede. These two states were divided in their loyalties, and each had a rival Confederate government. The date given for these two states is the date that the Confederate government gave these states a star in the Confederate flag by recognizing the rival government as a true member of the Confederacy.