

## CHAPTER 195 - PARTIES TO CRIMES

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**SECTION 195.010 Classification of parties to crimes.** Parties to crimes are classified as:

1. Principals; and
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**SECTION 195.020 Principals.** Every person concerned in the commission of a **Category A Offense, Category B Offense or Category C Offense**, whether he directly commits the act constituting the offense, or aids or abets in its commission, and whether present or absent; and every person who, directly or indirectly, counsels, encourages, hires, commands, induces or otherwise procures another to commit a **Category A Offense, Category B Offense or Category C Offense** is a principal, and shall be proceeded against and punished as such. The fact that the person aided, abetted, counseled, encouraged, hired, commanded, induced or procured, could not or did not entertain a criminal intent shall not be a defense to any person aiding, abetting, counseling, encouraging, hiring, commanding, inducing or procuring him.

**SECTION 195.030 Accessories.** Every person not standing in the relation of husband or wife, brother or sister, parent or grandparent, child or grandchild, to the offender, who:

1. After the commission of a **Category A Offense** harbors, conceals or aids such offender with intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction or punishment, having knowledge that such offender has committed a **Category A Offense** or is liable to arrest, is an accessory to the **Category A Offense**.
2. After the commission of a **Category B Offense** harbors, conceals or aids such offender with intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction or punishment, having knowledge that such offender has committed a **Category B Offense** or is liable to arrest, is an accessory to the **Category B Offense**.