

Republican Party Collin County SD30 Resolutions Committee Report

Monday, March 20, 2024

Report of the Temporary Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee, having met and discussed the resolutions submitted directly from the March 9, 2024, Collin County Republican Precinct Conventions or from public hearings on March 11 and March 18, recommends that the following resolutions to the SD30 convention.

The Committee was assigned to utilize the Republican Party of Texas Report of the Permanent Committee on the Platform and Resolutions as Adopted by the 2022 State Convention as an approximate template to organize and present new resolutions in per-ordered context of where they will affect existing planks.

Members of the Committee are:

Debbie Lindstrom, Chair
Todd Lindstrom, Secretary
Shannon Ayres, Sergeant-at-Arms
Rustin Wright, Parliamentarian
Cassidy Johnston

In Committee, we received 50 Precinct Convention Resolutions. They were scrutinized and recommended either pass, reaffirm or fail after discussion. In the end, 41 resolutions were processed with 36 passing and 1 reaffirmed. In addition, 2 Rules passed. The result is as follows:

- 36 Resolutions were recommended to pass
- 1 Resolution was recommended to reaffirm
- 4 Resolutions were recommended to fail
- 2 Rules were recommended to pass

Attached, are the Platform Resolutions reviewed by the SD30 temporary committee.

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Resolutions that Passed the Temporary Committee

BUSINESS, COMMERCE, & TRANSPORTATION

Markets and Regulation

1. **Amend Plank 46. Passed. (4-0)**

46. Texas Resistance to the Great Reset: Texas should continue to pass legislation needed to protect the citizens of Texas from corporate violation of their rights in the Great Reset/Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) scheme as follows:

- a. Ban companies and corporations that attempt to suppress funding for Texas industries from doing business with the State of Texas and its subdivisions.
- b. Make it illegal for banks and financial institutions operating in Texas to make lending decisions based on anything other than financial concerns. The model for such legislation shall be the Fair Access to Financial Services rule promulgated by President Trump's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which was immediately suspended by the current occupant of the White House.
- c. Add penalties in Texas law for corporations operating in Texas that lead or participate in boycotts against Texas due to legislative action to protect the rights of Texans to decline vaccination, protect the unborn, stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools, compete in sports with only those of their own biological gender, or to protect children and juveniles against sexual organ mutilation and hormones and puberty blockers designed to fake transition from one gender to another.
- d. Add explicit protections for the natural right of Texans to keep and exchange and store their wealth in the mediums of exchange (including digital currency, gold and silver coin, bullion, cash, and scrip) of choice to the Texas Bill of Rights. This will help stop global institutions and the Federal Government from forcing Texans to use the financial services and currency dictated by them. **We oppose the creation of a Central Bank Digital Currency.**
- e. Consider the expansion or use of existing Texas anti-trust law to prohibit collusion between woke corporations to cancel/drive others out of business.

2. **Declaration making Gold and Silver Legal Tender and Transactional. (New Plank). Passed (4-0)**

We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation to declare gold and silver bullion as legal tender and to authorize the ability to transact, transmit or exchange such gold and silver bullion by physical, and, or electronic means, and, or written instruction.

Energy and Environment

3. **Amend Plank 54. Passed. (4-0)**

54. Power Grid: We urge the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to harden the Texas Electric Grid increasing capacity and preparedness for all hazards, including:

- a. Cyberattacks on the grid's computerized command and control system.
- b. Physical attacks on substations and major high-voltage transformers.
- c. Geomagnetic storms created by solar flares from the sun.
- d. Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP).
- e. Extreme weather events, both cold and hot.
- f. **Unreliability due to excessive reliance on solar and wind energy.**

Make the Energy Grid More Reliable: Texas should require all electric generators, not just new ones, to guarantee a certain amount of power to the grid during periods of high demand and to pay for reliability costs when they are unable to provide firm power, instead of socializing those costs to ratepayers as is done now. We support legislation requiring the Public Utility Commission and Electric Reliability Council of Texas to counteract any market-distorting effects of federal tax credits favoring wind and solar power.

EDUCATION

Parents' Rights

4. **Prohibit Sexual Grooming of Minors (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

Sexual Grooming of Minors

Adults must not desensitize children to sexual topics, expose children to, or normalize sexual behavior for children. Texas should modify the Miller Test in the Harmful Materials to Minors statute to close loopholes exploited by publishers and digital resources.

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Texas Legislature and State Board of Education must remove the conflict between law and administrative code to provide clarity that a local school district may choose to NOT teach Human Sexuality Instruction and that a local school district may choose to be an OPT IN district.

School District employees, contractors, or volunteers must not:

- a. Demonstrate or distribute contraceptives to minors (including condom dispensers in the restrooms)
- b. Refer or provide counseling for risky sexual behavior, abortion, or any reproductive subjects
- c. Host extra-curricular clubs or activities of a sexual nature for minors
- d. Provide digital or physical publications related to sexual subjects. Texas should prohibit the advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of obscene devices to minors or displayed within minor's reach.

We call on the Department of Justice, state Attorney General, local district and county attorneys, and law enforcement to enforce obscenity laws to protect minors regardless of source whether domestic or foreign. If necessary, we call on Congress and Texas Legislature to expand jurisdiction to allow enforcement.

Curriculum

5. **Removing Social Emotional Learning & other forms of Psychological Indoctrination from Schools. (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**
We urge the Texas Legislature to prohibit use of Social Emotional Learning Programs and other quasi-therapeutic programs in schools, strike Social Emotional Learning competencies from the Texas Education Code, and we urge them to return academics to its place as the primary mission of public education.

Governance

6. **Constitutional Due Process for Students (New Plank). Passed (4-0)**
The Texas Legislature shall demand that, prior to disciplinary decisions and actions, Constitutional due process protections of presumption of innocence until proven guilty and evidentiary standards which prove beyond reasonable doubt that a crime or code-of-conduct violation has been committed shall be required for minors enrolled in Texas public and charter schools. Students shall not be subject to disciplinary consequences without such due process.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Homosexuality and Gender Issues

7. **Amend Plank 156. Passed (4-0)**

156. Gender Identity: We believe gender modification and any form of gender affirming care for minors does not constitute medical care and is, in fact, child abuse; therefore, we oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity. For the purpose of attempting to affirm a person **age 21 18** or under if their perception is inconsistent with their biological sex, no **medical-practitioner or provider person, institution nor other entity** may engage in the following practices:

- a. Intervene in any way to prevent natural progression of puberty.
- b. Administer or provide opposite sex hormones.
- c. Perform any surgery on healthy body parts of that person.
- d. **Assign name and/or pronoun changes**

Any agency, individual, or other entity promoting, performing, or facilitating Gender-Transitioning and/or Gender-Modification of a minor child shall be criminally prosecuted for child abuse and exposed to civil actions, enjoying no Immunity regardless of profession, relation, or standing.

Substance Abuse and Addiction

8. **Amend Plank 161. Passed. (4-0)**

161. Ban on Exposing Minors to Pornography Online.

We **call upon support** our **state and federal** elected leaders **to compel requiring all** websites displaying pornographic content in Texas to implement age verification for preventing minors from accessing the content, and **to block or punish any such websites that continue to make such materials available to minors. to provide and pursue effective enforcement mechanisms. Exceptions should not be allowed based on percentage of site content, social media sites, or news gathering organizations. Texas Civil law should impose civil liability on perpetrators of obscenity, including child pornography, providing those harmed by obscenity a civil remedy against those responsible. In addition, Texas should require manufacturers to default to "clean" vs "explicit" toggles on devices activated in the state of Texas.**

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CRIMINAL & CIVIL JUSTICE

Rights and Protections

9. **Amend Plank 172. Passed. (4-0)**

172. Obscenity Exemption: ~~We urge repeal of the Texas Penal Code “Obscenity Exemption” [43.24(c)], which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials under the guise of education materials, and 43.25(f)(2-3), which allows sexual performance by a child. We call upon the Texas Legislature to abolish the educational justification as an affirmative defensive to prosecution for the sale, distribution or display of harmful material to minors in Texas Penal Code 43.24(c) and 43.25(f)(2-3).~~ The State of Texas shall repeal all Texas laws based on the fraudulent research by Dr. Alfred Kinsey and prosecute violations of Texas Penal Code 43.24 and 43.25 to the fullest extent of the law, effectively stripping school districts of sovereign immunity when these offenses occur in an educational setting, on school-provided devices or via their educational resources.

Courts, Prosecutions, Restitution

10. **Amend Plank 188. Passed. (4-0)**

188. Rule of Law Enforcement: We support rule of law and enforcement of laws, which maintain an ordered republic. We call for independent prosecutorial authority to prosecute crimes that maintain order (such as sedition, riot, official oppression, election integrity, etc.) to be delegated to a statewide officer such as the Attorney General. We oppose the December 2021 opinion of the Court of Criminal Appeals in State v. Stephens, which was judicial activism, and encourage the Court to reconsider this ill-advised opinion. We call on the Legislature to ~~ensure that election crimes will be promptly prosecuted, even in counties with progressive district attorneys.~~ establish a path to prosecute election crimes in counties with DA’s who refuse to follow the law.

11. **Audio and Video in All Courts (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

All courts are required to maintain and utilize audio and video in all cases, at all times on and off the record, preserving said cases in digital format, and that parties with whom the suit occurs can access those video and audio recordings.

12. **Appropriate Staffing of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall increase its staff to levels to reflect the size of the Texas Judiciary and maintain staffing levels to adequately address the number of complaints received on a yearly basis.

13. **Judges Are Required to Give Their Rationale On the Record (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

All judges are required to state their rationale for their final decision on the record.

14. **Certified Shorthand Reporter In All In-Camera Hearings (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

All courts shall be required to employ a certified shorthand reporter in all court proceedings where there is no audio and video recordings, preserving the record in all transactions with the judge for any case.

15. **Transparency from the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall make public any and all complaints, findings, and conclusions, and additionally justifying all such findings and conclusions of the Commission, publishing these each month in an online format that is accessible to the public.

16. **Citizen Oversight of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall be composed of 15 elected public citizens (one from each State Board of Education district) and 1 member appointed by the Supreme Court, this latter member acting only in an advisory capacity.

17. **Mandatory Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

All courts are required to validate and produce a mandatory Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law for every substantive decision or final ruling in a case.

18. **No Judicial Immunity for Violating State, Local or Federal Laws, Guidelines or Rights (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

Texas judges, attorneys, and court actors in Texas will no longer have any immunity when violating State, Local or Federal laws, violating State, Local or Federal guidelines, or violating State or Federal Constitutional Rights and Protections. Any and all such violations will expose the judiciary and all court actors to criminal penalties and civil actions, just as the rest of our fine Texas citizenry.

19. **Audio and Video in Every Courtroom and made available to the public (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

All courts in the State of Texas shall install audio and video equipment in every courtroom, record all public and private proceeding; all recordings shall be made available to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC), and all open court recordings shall be available to the public at no charge subject to existing privacy laws. The SCJC shall no longer operate in secret, shall become an

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independent agency operating outside the judiciary, and become a full-time, fully staffed, and fully funded investigatory and prosecutorial agency of all court actors who may participate in our judicial system, not only the judiciary. The cost of maintaining the audio and video equipment and funding the SCJC shall be offset with Title IV-D funds collected by the State of Texas.

Family Law

20. **Amend Plank 198. Passed. (4-0)**

198. Child Protective Services: We support reforming or replacing Child Protective Services, and we ask for any legislation that would support due process in family court proceedings, oversight of the system, and a jury determining the outcome of any case, if requested by either party. **The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or any agency, company or occupation charged with protecting abused or neglected children and its employees will not enjoy any immunity when violating State, Local or Federal laws, guidelines, or Constitutional Rights and Protections.**

21. **Opposition to Lobbying by Attorneys and the Texas Bar Association (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

We oppose attorneys and legal organizations such as the Texas Bar Association and The Texas Family Law Foundation (TFLF) lobbying the legislature.

22. **Child Support Reform (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

That no agency or entity in the State of Texas shall receive any Title IV-D funding for the collection of child support for a particular case, unless one parent has, either by a court or jury of competent jurisdiction, been found unfit by clear and convincing evidence or has been presented with Equal Shared Parenting and is unwilling to exercise this time with his/her children.

The Texas child support code shall be rewritten to reflect (a) income of both parents as well as (b) parenting time of each parent. Parents who exercise their court ordered possession on a routine basis and are unable to pay court ordered child support shall not be incarcerated and cannot be criminally prosecuted for any and all unpaid child support and/or arrears. Removing a loving parent from a child's life is NOT in the best interest of the child and is NOT Constitutional.

23. **Parenting is a Fundamental Right (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

The reciprocal U.S. Constitutional Rights and Protections of both parent and child shall be codified in the Texas Family Code, providing severe criminal and civil penalties for ANYONE who violates these Constitutional Rights and Protections, enjoying no Immunity regardless of profession, relation, or standing. It is presumed that fit parents act in the best interests of their children and no State interference shall infringe upon these Rights and Protections. That the "best interest of the child" standard be codified in the Texas Family Code to require 50/50 Equal Shared Parenting in the event of divorce and/or custody disputes, and children be provided with equal time with BOTH parents, unless one or both parents have been found, with clear and convincing evidence, to be unfit or harmful to his/her children.

24. **Protection of Paternal Rights (New Plank). Passed. (4-0)**

To stop the war on dads, child support shall never be retroactive to conception and that both parents' equal rights to their child/ren be recognized at conception including decisions on abortion.

STATE AFFAIRS

Individual Rights and Freedoms

25. **Amend Plank 203. Passed. (4-0)**

203. Data Privacy Collection and Sales: We demand that the Texas legislature protect data privacy. by prohibiting the collection and selling of data and the enforcement of data privacy through **civil liability private right of action**. Schools shall not consent to data collection of minors on behalf of parents. Schools shall protect the confidentiality of students' identifiable information and codify federal privacy law.

Family and Gender Issues

26. **Replace Plank 214. Passed. (4-0)**

214. No-Fault Divorce: ~~We urge the Legislature to rescind unilateral no-fault divorce laws, to support covenant marriage, and to pass legislation extending the period of time in which a divorce may occur to six months after the date of filing for divorce.~~ **The Texas Family Code shall be completely rewritten with regards to No-Fault Divorce and Child Custody. This type of suit shall be delineated in such a way as to remove the need for any but the most minimal judicial interaction, saving the parties and the State millions of dollars each year, and promoting the maintenance of the nuclear family via required Intervention/Counseling prior to any decree of divorce. In No-Fault Divorce, the spouse who is not bringing the suit shall**

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have all Primary decision-making rights regarding property, finances, domicile, and all other marital assets and property. The spouse who is not bringing the suit shall have all Primary decision making rights regarding any minor children they are the legal parent/guardian of, including, but not limited to residence, religious training, education, medical care, and all other factors affecting the minor child; 50/50 Equal Shared Parenting shall always be the default, unless one or both parents have been found, with clear and convincing evidence, to be unfit or harmful to his/her children. At-Fault Divorce shall remain an option for all other divorce suits that claim "fault". This shall serve as an incentive for restoration and building stronger families, rather than monetizing the destruction of children and families.

Land Use

27. Right to Vote for High-Density Residential Development (new plank). Passed. (4-0)

We recognize that the people of Texas have a right to determine the quality of life in their community and we reject any efforts, legally or judicially, to negatively impact that quality of life by imposing requirements, subsidies, or tax incentives for greater population density, public transportation, or other similar manner and form of high-density residential development. We therefore call for the voters of any Texas city to have the right to vote by referendum on any comprehensive plan.

We oppose state legislation to preempt local zoning ordinances on such matters as housing density, minimum lot sizes, setback requirements, and parking requirements.

GOVERNMENT & ELECTION INTEGRITY

Government Operations

28. Abolish the Practice of Changing Recorded Votes After the Fact (New Plank). Passed. (5-0)

The Republican Party of the State of Texas: 1. Finds the practice of changing recorded votes after the fact by elected representatives in the Senate and House to be unethical; and 2. Demands that its Republican members in the Senate and House cease the practice and change the rules to prevent such changes to actual recorded votes now and in the future.

29. Education on Duties of the Executive Committees (New Plank). Pass (5-0)

We call for all Executive Committees, within 30 days of the start of a new term, to be required to hold a conference to learn the statutory duties of the executive committees as required by the election code, to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Rules, to learn the duties of the County Chair and the Precinct Chair as defined by the RPT, to learn the operational requirements of Roberts Rules of Order, and to review and update Executive Committee Bylaws and Standing Rules to ensure they are in compliance with the Election Code and RPT Rules passed by the preceding Legislative Session and the State Party Convention Platform.

30. Judicial Campaign Reform (New Plank). Pass. (5-0)

No judicial campaign run may accept any support, including but not limited to donations, financial support, gifts, endorsements, or other support, either material or non-tangible from any individual attorney and/or legal firm, or any agency, entity, foundation or association that supports and/or represents the interests of attorneys.

31. Request for Speaker of the House that Adheres to the the RPT platform (New Plank). Pass. (3-2)

The Republican Party of the State of Texas expects that the Republican House Representatives to elect a Speaker of the House that will support the RPT platform.

Elections

32. Amend Plank 242. All Amendments Passed. (5-0) except letter "r" which passed (4-1)

242. Fair Elections Procedures: We support the right of eligible voters to cast a ballot in each election once, but we oppose illegal voting, illegal assistance, or ineligible persons. We support:

- a. Allowing, by Open Records Request, a bit-by-bit forensic imaging of all electronic devices, including servers, at Central Counting immediately before and after each election.
- b. Vigorous enforcement of all our election laws as written and oppose any laws, lawsuits, and judicial decisions that make voter fraud very difficult to deter, detect, or prosecute.
- c. Voter Photo ID.
- d. Prohibition of internet voting for public office and any ballot measure **as well as prohibition of wireless read or write connectivity for electronic voting equipment during elections.**
- e. That mail-in ballots must be requested and only granted to those that cannot physically appear in-person **due to health, military service or travel out of the county during the entire election period.**
- f. Increased scrutiny and security in balloting by mail, including removal of Section 87.014 (d1) of the Texas Election Code to require once again full signature verification with the need to rebut, regardless of whether paper identification numbers are on the application and ballot carrier envelope.
- g. Felony status for willful violations of the election code and increasing penalty for voter fraud from a misdemeanor back to a felony.
- h. The constitutional authority of state legislatures to regulate voting, including disenfranchisement of convicted felons.

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- i. Changes to the appropriate sections of Texas law that would deny or cancel homestead exemptions, driver licenses, and License to Carry, if the addresses on those documents DO NOT match the address on the voter's registration.
- j. Consolidating elections to Primary, Runoff, Special called, and General Election days and locations.
- k. Sequentially numbered and signed ballots to deter counterfeiting **and to deter stuffing the ballot box.**
- l. Expanding the Attorney General's staff for investigating election crimes and restoring the ability of the Attorney General to prosecute any election crimes.
- m. The ability for civil lawsuits to be filed for election fraud or failure of officials to follow the Texas Election Code.
- n. Allowing trained poll watchers from anywhere in Texas with local party or candidate approval. **Poll watcher training by the Secretary of State should be optional, although encouraged. Any member of the public should be allowed to witness the election, the vote counting and ballot adjudication and use audio or video recording devices provided they do not interfere in the process nor compromise an individual voter's secret ballot.**
- o. Creating processes that will allow rapid adjudication of election law violation disputes as they occur and before violations can be successfully perpetrated.
- p. Withdrawing from Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).
- q. **Eliminating Ballot Marking Devices (BMD) because federal law requires voters to be able to verify their vote before casting their ballot. A ballot created by a ballot marking device uses a barcode or QR code, which no voter can read or verify. The tabulator reads the barcode or QR code to count the ballot, not the English below.**
- r. **Banning electronic voting and returning to paper pollbooks and hand-marked, secure ballots and that are cast at manageably sized precincts, and then hand counted at each precinct since technology and Artificial Intelligence has greatly advanced and there are known election equipment security risks which make it no longer feasible to secure election electronics.**
- s. **Abolishing the optional Countywide Polling Place Program since it is unauditible and compromises the secrecy of the ballot. The Countywide Polling Place Program is a process that sacrifices security for convenience. In addition, we support striking the Countywide Polling Place Program in the Texas Election Code and the return to precinct-level voting for both in-person Early Voting and in-person Election Day voting.**

33. Reconciliation of Vote History before Certifying an Election (New Plank). Passed. (5-0)

Since there is evidence that state and county voting history is not the same and since the voting history regularly changes months and years after an election, we require that the data from the precinct/polling place to the county to the state reconcile before the election can be certified. If the data is inconsistent, a publicly available report must be submitted with the reason why the numbers and/or names do not match. The election must not be certified until completed.

34. Public Voter Records (New Plank). Passed. (5-0)

Require that voter records be accessible through public record requests to include any changes to voters' information, such as the original registration date that never changes and date of modification, cancellation date, name changes, relocations, or deceased status. In addition, we endorse the implementation of a cross-referencing system with jury duty rosters for enhanced accuracy and reliability.

35. Changes to Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code (New Plank). Passed. (5-0)

Since evidence exists that unauthorized intruders have already infiltrated Texas election databases and manipulated voter data, we support changing the Texas Election Code Chapter 65 to allow each election authority:

- (i) the flexibility to use and post video that documents the vote counting process, including video of each ballot and each counting station;
- (ii) the option to use additional methods of hand counting that are more efficient, transparent, verifiable, and secure than the method currently set out in Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code.

NATIONAL DEFENSE & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Foreign Affairs

36. Amend Plank 274 Passed. (5-0)

274. United Nations: The United Nations is a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other countries; because of this we support **passing legislation to affect the following outcomes:**

- a. Our withdrawal from the current United Nations.
 - b. The removal of the United Nations from United States soil.
 - c. The opposition to placement of US troops under command of the United Nations.
 - d. The rejection of all Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 policies and programs.
 - e. The rejection of all related NGOs, councils, and environmental programs.
 - f. A zero-budget allotment of American tax dollars to any United Nations programs, **and/or affiliated agencies..**
 - g. The opposition to any designation of World Heritage Sites in the United States and especially in Texas.
 - h. Withdrawal from the UN Arms Trade Treaty.
 - i. Withdrawal from the corrupt World Health Organization (WHO).
 - j. Prohibition of any Global Pandemic Treaty, International Health Regulations (IHR), or amendments to IHR that would infringe on our national sovereignty.
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- k. A credible, impartial, and international investigation into the WHO's and China's actions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- l. Withdrawal from the UN International Baccalaureate Organization.
- m. The rejection of the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- n. The rejection of any attempt to allow the United Nations or any other foreign entity to levy taxes on the United States or its citizens.
- o. The end of all appropriations of funds to the United Nations peacekeeping missions.**

Resolution to Reaffirm

EDUCATION

Parents' Rights

37. Plank 105 – Reaffirm (3-1)

105. Sexual Education: We demand the State Legislature pass a law prohibiting the teaching of sex education, sexual health, or sexual choice or identity in any public school in any grade whatsoever, or disseminating or permitting the dissemination by any party of any material regarding the same. All school districts, individual schools, or charter schools are prohibited from contracting with or making any payment to any third party for material concerning any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect, sexual education shall only utilize sexual risk avoidance programs and promote abstinence outside of marriage. Before a student may be provided with human sexuality or family planning instruction, the district must obtain the written consent of the student's parent or guardian [Opt-In status].

Resolutions that failed

BUSINESS, COMMERCE, & TRANSPORTATION

Transportation

- 40. Amendment on Green Agenda – Failed unanimously**
Reason: Already covered in Plank 63

Amendment: We urge local, state and federal lawmakers to prohibit the imposition of the Green Agenda, any part of Vision Zero, New Zero, road diets, carbon emissions reporting, carbon tax, mileage tax or other Leftist policies that seek to punish or restrict drivers or levy new taxes on driving. We urge officials to err of the side of liberty and freedom and prevent the imposition of carpool, bike, and/or bus lanes on our public highways and prevent other gimmicks from penalizing those who drive their cars (with or without passengers) by creating road congestion and road scarcity, or otherwise restricting, taxing or penalizing the use of highways based on status, mode of transportation, or vehicle type.

FINANCE

School Finance and Property Taxation

- 41. Amendment on Eliminating Property Tax. Failed unanimously**
Reason: Already in Plank 90.

Amendment:

We support eliminating the property tax system and the idea of paying perpetual rent to the government and finding other sources of existing revenue to fund important government services, including but not limited to, cutting government spending and using existing budget surpluses to aid in transitioning to a new fair tax system, should one be needed.

GOVERNMENT & ELECTION INTEGRITY

Government Operations

- 42. Ban Tax Payer Funded Lobbying. Failed unanimously**
Reason: Already in Plank 232.
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NATIONAL DEFENSE & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Border Security and Immigration

43. **Border Protection and Deport Illegals. Failed unanimously**
Reason: Already in Planks 256 and 261

Rules

Rule No. 43 – Candidate Platform Review **Passed.**

The Republican Party of Texas shall make an electronic copy of the most recent Platform available on its website. The County or State Chairman shall distribute a copy of the Platform to each candidate along with all other candidate application papers. The County or State Chairman shall request each ~~non-judicial~~ candidate to indicate whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided for each bullet point item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Platform and may include comments if desired. The County or State Chairman shall also request that each ~~non-judicial~~ candidate read the entire Platform and indicate at least ten (10) line items from the Platform that the candidate strongly supports. All candidates for ~~non-judicial~~ offices should file the completed Platform Review containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office. Candidates' responses shall be collected and recorded by the filing entity and may be published on the filing entity's website prior to the primary. If the filing entity has no website, a copy of the candidate's responses may be received from the filing entity. At the discretion of the Executive Committee of the filing entity, a candidate's response may be excluded from posting to the website of the filing entity.

Rule No. 44 – Censure Process and Penalties **Passed.**

a. A County or Senatorial District Convention or a County or District Executive Committee may, after notice and invitation to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before a County or Senatorial Convention or a County or District Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, but in no case by less than a majority of the County Executive Committee (CEC) in full, adopt a resolution censuring a Republican public officeholder representing all or a portion of that County or District for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention as described in Rule 34(c). Any resolution of censure that does not meet those criteria shall be subject to challenge by a point of order. Such a resolution may include a request, to the SREC or any State Convention held prior to start of the filing period of a Republican Primary Election while these rules are in effect, that the named officeholder be penalized. If such a request is included, after not less than fourteen (14) days' notice and opportunity to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before the SREC or the State Convention in conformity with the request, the delegates of the State Convention by majority vote in the case of (1) below, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the case of (2) below, or the State Republican Executive Committee by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the full membership, may vote to concur with the resolution of censure and impose one or both of the following penalties:

1. declare that no Rule or Bylaw enacted by any division of the Party at any level that demands the Party be neutral in intraparty contests shall be observed with respect to the named officeholder, and no financial or other support shall be provided to their campaign by the Party except that which is required by law. If the officeholder files an application to run for any public office in the Republican Party primary following the censure resolution's passage, the SREC shall be authorized to spend up to twelve percent (12%) of the Party's general fund on voter education in the officeholder's district, by republishing the original censure resolution verbatim, using a media format determined by the SREC.
2. declare that the named officeholder is discouraged from participating in the Republican Party Primary following the censure passage.

Any above penalty imposed shall expire on the day following the date of the Primary runoff in which the officeholder would be up for reelection. The term "officeholder" as used in this rule shall mean ~~any~~ holder of public office ~~except a justice of the peace, or a judge of a statutory county court, statutory probate court, district court, court of appeals, the Courts of Criminal Appeal, or the Supreme Court of Texas.~~ Nothing within this Rule shall be construed to authorize the removal of a public officeholder; and likewise, nothing within this rule shall serve to limit the removal of any public officeholder under other rule or law.

- b. Any County Chairman who applies the provisions of Section (a)(1) and thereby becomes the subject of a lawsuit for doing so shall be indemnified by the Republican Party of Texas, who shall provide counsel to the County Chairman or pay for any expenses incurred related to any suit. The State Party Chairman shall defend in court any suit against the Party arising from the application of Rule No. 44.