

## **Temporary Resolutions Report Senate District 24 District Convention - Williamson County**

Process Note: The Republican Party of Texas Platform and Resolutions Committee starts with the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Platform and makes changes to that document based on the resolutions and platforms adopted by each county and district convention.

This Resolutions Committee began our process with comparing each precinct convention resolution to the 2020 RPT Platform (<https://texasgop.org/platform>) and are recommending the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Platform and Resolutions Committee adopt the changes, additions, and deletions to the platform based on input from our precinct conventions and district convention delegates.

### **Preamble**

The delegates of the Senate District 24 district convention in Williamson County re-affirm the preamble to the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Platform.

*Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.*

### **Principles**

We, the delegates to the Senate District 24 convention in Williamson County re-affirm the principles within the 2020 Republican Party of Texas, with the following underlined amendments. We recommend the 2022 Resolutions Committee of the Republican Party of Texas Convention adopt these amendments to the principles.

We believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We believe in:

- 1) “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
- 2) The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.

- 3) Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom. Preserving our constitutional republic form of government starts with ensuring the integrity and security of our elections.
- 4) Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions. Individual liberties should not be infringed on by the government.
- 5) Personal accountability and responsibility.
- 6) Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
- 7) Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
- 8) The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
- 9) A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
- 10) Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.

## **Limited Constitutional Framework of Government**

**Limited Government** – The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights guarantees the God-given rights of individuals and limits the authority of the government. Government should be limited to the express boundaries set forth in the United States Constitution based on the intent of the Founders.

**Adherence to the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment** – We the People, of the State of Texas, claim sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States.

**Limiting the scope of the Federal Reserve** – We oppose and urge Congress to vote no to any bill that gives consumer related rule making, oversight, or enforcement authority to the Federal Reserve.

**The Rights of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment** – We affirm the individual Constitutional rights to free speech and free religious practice.

**The Rights of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment** – We affirm the individual Constitutional right to keep and bear arms without restrictions.

**Special Session of the Texas Legislature:** We support an amendment to the Texas Constitution that allows legislators to convene a special session of the legislature on extraordinary occasions to address specific matters of urgency by a petition signed by a majority of the members of both chambers.

**Limit Executive Power:** The Texas Emergency Powers Act is designed for acute disasters such as hurricanes, floods, severe weather, and fires and works well to manage these natural disasters of known duration and hazards. The law does not adequately contemplate the state response to disasters of unknown duration and legal ramifications. Executive powers should be limited to ensure the Texas Legislature is called into special session to address the state response to disasters that have a statewide impact, including pandemics.

**Election Integrity:** We support election integrity and fair, free elections. We support making it easy to vote and hard to cheat. We specifically support:

- **Prohibit Funding from Third Parties in Election Administration.** We are opposed to private, for-profit third parties providing funding to county elections administrators to run elections. Funding should be exclusively from appropriations made by the state and local governments to run elections fairly.
- **Election Process Audit.** There must be a process for citizens to request an audit of election processes to verify that the electronic machines are certified for use, that the processes at the state and local level are reviewed, and that any election process anomalies as observed by poll watchers and election judges can be reported and reviewed to ensure election integrity.
- **Election Counts.** The State of Texas should use available funds to ensure that the electronic voting systems meet all necessary cybersecurity standards and data privacy standards to ensure that all election data is saved and recorded properly to court election results. All electronic voting machines must have an audit paper trail of all votes cast for purposes of verifying election results and election processes.

**National Popular Vote:** The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a direct violation of Article 1, Section 10, and Article 2, Section 1, of the United States Constitution and shall be rejected by Texas and all its officials.

## **Human Dignity**

**Parental Rights** – We support the parental right to direct the upbringing of their minor children.

**Divorce** – We support complete reform or elimination of the no-fault divorce laws currently in effect.

**Opposition to Pornography:** We are opposed to the proliferation of pornography and have determined this is a moral crisis of the devaluing of human dignity that leads to a public health and criminal justice crisis. To effect these changes, we urge the following changes:

- The repeal of sections of the Texas Penal Code that allow for public schools to maintain obscene material within their education materials.
- Completely remove pornography and lewd materials from school libraries and electronic libraries provided to school districts. Parents shall be involved in the local decisions on the removal of these materials from our public schools.

**Healthcare Choice:** No government bureaucrat or insurance company should be allowed to interfere with citizens' freedom to choose their type of medical care. We demand the US Congress to repeal the ACA and pass healthcare reform that results in more affordable healthcare through a market-based, competitive, and transparent healthcare system.

**Right to Try or Refuse Treatment:** We support the enactment of laws that allow patients and their doctors to have access to medications and procedures that can potentially be lifesaving or improve quality of life to include any medication that is not otherwise illegal and is agreed upon between the doctor and the patient.

## **Educating the Next Generation of Texans**

**Local Control for Education:** Parents hold the right to educate their children. We believe that all children should have access to quality education. Under the US Constitution, the power to regulate education is reserved exclusively to the States and to the people. Parents have the primary right and responsibility to educate their children. The classroom should be a place where all viewpoints are welcomed, free speech is celebrated, and "person before politics" beliefs are preached. We support the right of parents to freely choose public, charter, private, parochial, or homeschooling for their children. We support the right of parents to choose the specific public school that their children attend. No child should be forced to attend a failing school. We reject the imposition of federal education standards and the tying of any government funding to the adoption of federal education standards. We reject the intrusion of government in private, parochial, or homeschools. We affirm that the policies, procedures, activities, and finances of public education in Texas at all levels should be fully transparent. To ensure transparency, the check register of all traditional school districts and charter schools should be posted online with the link on the home page. We respect parental authority regarding sex education. We believe that abortion providers and affiliates should be prohibited from providing any curriculum or instruction in schools. We believe parents should be fully afforded all access to school board meetings. We believe parents have the right to appeal curriculum decisions and the content of educational materials within the school made by school administrators directly to the local school board.

**Sexual Education:** Parents hold the right to determine the sex education, sexual choice or identity curriculum, and sexual health curriculum for their children, not the school district. We

believe that abstinence-only education is the best form of education and all curriculum in this sphere should adhere to that policy. Until such time as the curriculum recognizes abstinence-only and parental rights, we urge the following:

- 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].
- School Health Advisory Councils must remain fully transparent and accountable to parents, including the full disclosure of the education materials that are under consideration for instructional materials.

## **Economic Freedom**

**Free Enterprise** – We support an economy based on the competitive free market system with limited government regulations and taxes.

**Balanced Federal Budget** – The Party supports a law requiring the federal government to balance the budget annually, without increasing taxes.

**Limiting State Government Spending** – We support limiting state spending to an index of population growth plus inflation.

**Property Taxes** - We support the elimination of property taxes. State revenue that exceeds the limited state budget should be appropriated revenues to reduce and eventually eliminate school district property taxes to where public schools are funded using state funds.

**Zero-Based Budgeting** – We support the use of zero-based budgeting at all levels of government to develop spending and appropriations bills.

**Federal Tax Reform** – Repeal the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment and abolish the IRS.

**Domestic Energy Production** – We support the development of all viable sources of energy, and the elimination of all federal and state bans on oil drilling, expansion of gas refineries, and energy exploration. We urge the abolition of the Federal Department of Energy.

**Utility Competition** – We support the continuation of the utilities market and basing the grid on reliable energy resources instead of incentivizing intermittent power sources.

**Right-to-Work** – We support maintaining the existing right-to-work laws in Texas.

## **Securing our Communities**

**Border Security Operations.** According to the U.S. Constitution, it is the responsibility of the federal government to provide for the common defense. In absence of this responsibility being

met, Texans must act to combat this threat to our security. Our elected Texas leadership at all levels must make the success of Operation Lone Star a priority in order to protect Texans from both short-term and long-term physical and financial harm, including the completion of the border wall.

**Local Law Enforcement Funding.** Local law enforcement officers provide an invaluable resource to our communities' safety and security. We support raising standards for law enforcement officers to promote accountability and providing necessary state and local funding to train to the higher standards. We oppose the efforts of cities to defund local law enforcement agencies.

**Cybersecurity.** As foreign and domestic threats to cybersecurity evolve, the State of Texas must upgrade systems and system security to meet these threats and share threat intelligence data among levels of government. The integrity of our state and local network infrastructure must be maintained.

**Data Privacy.** An individual's data, including biometric data, is owned by the individual, not by the third-party application that is collecting the data. Data privacy is an essential element of individual liberties.

## **2020 State Party Platform Affirmation**

We reaffirm all positions taken in the 2020 State Republican Party Platform that are not covered in this report.

## **Resolution for a Legislative Priority of Election Audits**

WHEREAS the delegates of the Senate District 24 of Williamson County strongly support election integrity, ensuring one-person, one-vote; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we support the implementation of forensic audits that will be used by the Texas Legislature when certifying elections. This should be a priority for elections in the near future in order to regain public confidence in the election process. At a minimum, limited or random audits should be performed in the following areas in order to detect possible anomalies that could be indicators of election fraud:

- Mail-in ballot verification controls and checks for duplicates;
- Hand-verification of regular paper ballots to verify voter intent against the results that were reported digitally (strategically targeted sampling of key counties/districts);
- Verify the consistency of records related to physical and network security of critical election resources and data (such as chain-of-custody for critical data, election equipment and devices, wired and wireless network and security audit trails that detect unauthorized changes, and other associated data access and security controls as advised by audit experts)

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Legislative Priorities Committee at the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Convention for the development of the legislative priorities committee report.

## **Resolution for Legislative Priority for Parental Consent for Use of Invasive Surveys on Kids**

WHEREAS many schools provide surveys to students that go beyond basic core curriculum and probe ideas and opinions related to personal, family, political, or morality issues; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we support legislation to require parental consent for use of invasive surveys on kids. Parents should be informed and required to give their approval before schools administer any surveys or data collection tools that go beyond basic core curriculum and probe ideas and opinions related to personal, family, political or morality issues. Parental informed consent must be obtained; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Legislative Priorities Committee at the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Convention for the development of the legislative priorities committee report.

## **Resolution for Legislative Priority for Natural Medical Right**

WHEREAS we believe that individuals have the to accept or refuse vaccinations or medical treatment and coerced vaccines; therefore be it

RESOLVED We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly recognizes the natural right to refuse vaccination or medical treatment and the right for vaccination or medical treatment to not be a condition that infringes on our personal liberties; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Legislative Priorities Committee at the 2022 Republican Party of Texas Convention for the development of the legislative priorities committee report.

Members of the SD 24 Resolutions Committee:

Lyle Grimes, Chair  
William Armbruster  
Pam Manly  
Rob Miley  
Jennifer Pollastro  
Gerald Prather  
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Report adopted by a 5-2 vote (Armbruster and Manly opposed)