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Gov – Government (Operations)
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1. Support of the Second Amendment

Resolved that the Texas Legislature must pass a law, similar to bills HB 336 or SB 548 from the Texas 87th Legislative Session and modify Platform Plank #85 as follows and made a priority.,

85. Gun Carry and Possession Restrictions: We oppose any measure that would deprive someone of their right to possess firearms without being convicted of a crime or found mentally incompetent by a medical psychiatric professional, or that would cause gun owners to be investigated by law enforcement or appear before a judge when there is no reasonable cause of a crime committed. This includes state and federal legislation such as red flag laws, social media monitoring that targets gun owners, expanded background checks, mandates on personal firearms storage, and government-mandated location restrictions such as those in K-12 schools and 51% establishments, PTSD-related restrictions and the National Firearms Act.

We recommend the Texas legislature pass laws to recognize the US Constitutional 2nd Amendment guaranteeing the right to bear arms which includes:

- Redefinition of a firearm, firearm accessory or firearm ammunition away from the current definition of US legally obtained/purchased items as of 1 January 2022
- Restriction of a firearm, firearm accessory or firearm ammunition from someone deemed “at risk” of using such weapons against some other person based upon a “claim” of mental health impairment from someone unqualified to make such an assessment. Before any firearm, accessory or ammunition may be confiscated from someone in Texas, due process must be served which includes:
 - A psychiatric evaluation made by a panel of mental health experts submitting a recommendation to a judge.
 - A judge evaluating the recommendation with the “accused” allowed the accused legal representation and a chance to question the original accuser and the psychiatrists.
 - If the judicial finding goes against the accused, then accommodations must be made to store all firearms, accessories, and ammunition away from the accused, until such time a new medical panel of psychiatrists deem the accused no longer mentally at risk.
 - “Storage” of confiscated firearms, accessories, ammunition will be by a court appointed trustee who will return said items once authorized by a judge
 - The court appointed trustee must secure all items in a safe manner and if called to do so by the court, return said items to the original owner in the original condition

2. Support of Firearms and Accessories Made in Texas

The Texas Legislature must pass a law, similar to bill HB 915 from the Texas 87th Legislative Session, that:

- Supersedes any new Federal regulation that would restrict the US Constitutional 2nd Amendment guaranteeing the right to bear arms which includes:
 - Redefinition of a firearm, firearm accessories and firearm ammunition away from the current definition of US legally obtained/purchased items as of 1 January 2022
- Reject any federal attempts to mandate new firearm laws/policies/rules that would restrict the 2nd Amendment Rights of Texans and businesses operating in Texas
- Reject any federal attempts to restrict raw materials flowing into Texas that would hinder or impede Texas businesses selling or fabricating firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition within Texas;

3. Texas Second Amendment Enforcement Act

The Texas legislature shall pass a law that Federal gun control measures may not be enforced by Texas, including but not limited to:

- taxes and fees on firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition not common to all other goods and services that would have a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens
- registration and tracking schemes applied to firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition
- any act forbidding the possession, ownership, or use or transfer of a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by law-abiding citizens
- any act ordering the confiscation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition from law-abiding citizens
- a “law-abiding citizen” is defined as “a person who is not otherwise precluded under state law from possessing a firearm.”
- anyone in this state enforcing any of the above laws shall be subject to civil liability.
- penalties of \$50,000 each for Texas state or local law enforcement agency employing anyone who knowingly enforces any such gun control measure

4. English as the Primary Language (Pre-K through Grade 12)

The English language should be the primary language in all private and charter schools in the State of Texas, pre-K through grade 12 public.

5. Parents Right to Know and Consent (Pre-K through Grade 12)

We call upon the legislature to respect and protect parental rights of pre-K through grade 12 students by enacting penalties for violations of parental rights and by requiring a Parent's Right to Know and Consent booklet be developed and widely distributed that contains all state and federal law that relate to education; and

The federal Pupil Protection Rights Amendment and the Children's Internet Protection Act should be codified in Texas law.

6. Defund Anti-American and Anti-Family Library Organizations

The Republican Party of Texas adopt a Platform Plank regarding libraries that reads: Defund Anti-American and Anti-Family Library Organizations. Texas should defund the American Library Association (ALA) and Texas Library Association (TLA) or any additional library organizations that promote similar anti-American and anti-family positions. Texas librarians should not be required to be certified by these organizations and Texas public and school libraries should withdraw from ALA and TLA.

7. Remove Education as an Affirmative Defense for Kinsey-Based Laws

The State of Texas should repeal all Texas laws based on fraudulent research by Dr. Alfred Kinsey, and Plank #103 of the Republican Party of Texas should be replaced as follows: “Plank #103: Kinsey based Laws: We urge the modification of Texas laws, such as Texas Penal Codes 43.24(c) and 43.25(f), to remove the affirmative defenses that allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials and to be induced into sexual performance under the guise of “education”.

8. Focus on Core Academic Subjects

The Texas legislature to pass a law prohibiting the teaching of subjects such as social emotional learning (SEL), critical race theory (CRT), or health/sex education 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, public 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, all health/sex education shall be recommended by the School Health Advisory Council to the district school board and voted on by the district school board. Texas should codify the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment(PPRA) into Texas law to protect the rights of parents, students and K-12 school officials applied to the programs of state education agency (SEA), local education agency (LEA), or other recipients of funds under any program funded by tax dollars. PPRA protects the administration of survey analysis or evaluation that concerns political, mental, sexual, behavior, religious, income and critical appraisals.

9. Prohibit Inappropriate Content from Schools and Libraries

The State of Texas should pass legislation to prohibit inappropriate content in Texas schools and libraries and the Texas GOP should replace platform plank #147 as follows with the underlined text:

Plank #147. Inappropriate Content: We request that the Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires Texas schools and libraries to block and filter inappropriate content, such as pervasively vulgar or obscene materials, written or otherwise, that depict what is the equivalent of “child erotica” which explicitly describes sexual acts between minor children, sexual relationships between adults and minor children, and otherwise pornographic materials targeting minors. Texas should protect parental interest, protection of minors, and local control jurisdiction by requiring library boards and school district to include parents on library committees with diversity of viewpoint representation to oversee the purchase and purging of library physical and online resources. Texas school districts should establish controversial issues board policy that includes diversity of viewpoint, respect for traditional values, and reasonable complaint process to appeal content and instruction. Operators of adult sex entertainment businesses and venues, adult entertainment of any kind, including Drag Queen Story Hour, shall not be part of educational programming in public schools, libraries, or any other taxpayer-funded program for children.

10. Protection of Data Privacy

The Texas Legislature should pass laws to protect citizens and particularly student data including but not limited to:

- Codify federal COPPA into Texas law through age 18;
- Codify federal PPRA into Texas law with enforcement mechanism;
- Protect student data privacy and prohibit the selling of data by passing legislation similar to Illinois and New York statute;
- Provide protection similar to California’s CPRA and CCPA;
- Require citizens to OPT IN for the collection of personally identifiable data, prohibit government agencies, for profit companies, and non-profit companies from selling data, and provide private right of action for enforcement similar to INTRODUCED Oklahoma 2022 Regular HB 2969;
- Protect consumer rights including access, rectification, deletion, restriction of processing, and data portability, require notice and obtain verifiable consumer “opt-in” consent, including parent or eligible student, before collecting and processing a consumer’s personal information for the first time, codify duties of care, loyalty, and confidentiality, and provide private right of action similar to Massachusetts Information Privacy Act (MIPA); and

The Republican Party of Texas should adopt a Platform Plank to affirm the need to protect citizen data privacy that reads: Data Privacy. We demand that the Texas legislature protect data privacy by prohibiting the

collection and selling of data and the enforcement of data privacy through private right of action. Schools should not consent to data collection of minors on behalf of parents. Schools should protect the confidentiality of student's identifiable information.

11. No Funding for Critical Race Studies

No university or college in Texas should be permitted to use any public funding to finance programs, courses, organizations, or guest speakers that explicitly focus on and advocate for critical race studies, whether in terms of theory, practice or application.

12. Ban on School Pronoun Policies

The Platform Committee of the Texas State Republican Convention adopt a Platform Plank to call for the ban on school pronoun policies.

13. School Transparency of Mental Health Issues for Minor Age Children

The Texas legislature should pass laws that prevent schools from having policies that deceive or exclude parents from knowing about mental health issues such as gender dysphoria in their minor children.

14. Defend Medical Freedom and Personal Responsibility

A Medical Freedom Platform Plank should be added to oppose all pandemic-related mandates by public entities, such as COVID-19 medical countermeasures, medical "passports", masking, separation or isolation mandates; and

Medical Freedom should be a highly ranked Legislative Priority; that is to enact laws protecting Texans from:

- **public entity mandates** to force or coerce any pandemic-related universal medical tests, procedures, or treatments (e.g. requiring masks, vaccine or medical countermeasures under Emergency Use Authorization),
- **medical discrimination** in public entity employment (from hiring, evaluating, promoting, or firing workers), attendance (e.g. schools) or use of state services based on COVID vaccination status, personal medical choices or reasons for non-participation,
- **vaccine passport mandates** by public entities,
- **mask mandates** by public entities - including schools,
- **monetization of hospitals or pharmacies** for specific treatments for false primary diagnoses,
- **restrictions on medical doctors' freedom to practice and prescribe** by government organizations, hospitals, medical insurance companies or pharmacies.
- **banning certain treatment options** from use for pandemic-affected patients while authorizing and promoting untested and dangerous treatments in hospitals, such as Remdesaivir.

15. Protect Medical Safety and Rights of Texas Citizens

The State of Texas should independently verify, correct and supplement International, Federal Agency and other health organization information as well information collected and assessed within the state, for the protection and benefit of Texans, and

Any Declaration of Emergency of Disaster whose cause is biomedically related shall include clear direction to TDEM to establish meaningful metrics, in accordance with the state and national constitution, to be used to assess the state of the disaster and recovery as well as effects on Texans' and

TDEM shall complete an interim assessment within 60 days of the Declaration of Disaster, and a top-down and bottom-up After Action Report within 90 days of the Rescinding of the Declaration, in accordance with the state and national constitution, including public and government input and review with clear recommendations for changes needed in responding to future declarations of disaster that involve biological and medical emergencies prior to the next Legislative Session.

16. Make Repealing the Anti-Life 10-Day Rule a Legislative Priority

Let repeal of the 10-Day Rule of the Texas Advanced Directives Act be established as a Legislative Priority for the 88th Legislative Session; and

This same Legislative Priority should include the replacement of the 10-Day Rule of the Texas Advance Directive Act with a truly Life-affirming law that requires that physicians adhere to a patient or surrogate's medical decision about life-sustaining Treatment and which provides for physicians who disagree with the patient's decision to transfer the patient to another physician or facility that will honor the decision to continue life-sustaining treatment.

17. Require Public Education on the Humanity of the Preborn Child

It should be the public policy of the State of Texas to make a value judgment favoring childbirth over abortion, to implement that judgment by the allocation of public funds and to adopt the following Plank into the Republican Party of Texas platform:

"Texas students should learn about the Humanity of the Preborn Child including life begins at fertilization, milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing of a live ultrasound, viewing the Miracle of Life type video, and contents of the Women's Right to Know booklet."

18. Hold Abortionists Accountable

A Platform Plank that reads: "The Republican Party of Texas fully supports the Texas Heartbeat Act (Senate Bill 8, 87th Regular Session), including the enforcement mechanism that relies upon civil liability rather than criminal or administrative penalties."

19. Election Integrity – Amend Plank #210

Amend Plank #210 Fair Election Procedures plank with the additions underlined below to read:

210. Fair Election Procedures: We support the right of eligible voters to cast a ballot in each election once but oppose illegal voting, illegal assistance, or ineligible persons registering. We support 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. We support Voter Photo ID. Internet voting for public office and any ballot measure should be prohibited. No wireless, LAN, cellular networks, or computers will be used for voter check-in or voting. Paper poll books will be used with each voter required to sign. Sequentially numbered, hand marked paper ballots that cannot be counterfeited will be used. Basic optical scanner / vote counter may be used to tally votes, with hand counts of the paper ballots conducted at the Presiding Election

Judge's discretion. Printed vote result tapes will be produced each day of Early Voting and on Election Day. There will be strict chain of custody control of all paper ballots and vote result tapes, and paper ballots and vote result tapes will be delivered to Central Count each day, where they will be secured.

20. Prohibit Attaching Absentee Ballot Request Forms to Campaign Flyers

The practice of attaching a request form to an absentee ballot to a candidate campaign flyer shall no longer be acceptable; and

A new rule must be developed to reflect this change and to reiterate a single straight forward process for voters to receive ballots from each county election administration office.

21. Remove Names of Deceased from Voter Registration Data

Voter registration data shall be compared annually with the social security death index and remove names of the deceased.

22. Oppose the Federal Mileage Tax

The Texas Legislators should oppose any kind of vehicle mileage tax or road usage fee, and

The U.S. Congress should remove the Federal Mileage Tax pilot program, a program to charge for miles driven, and prohibit the imposition of such a tax or program.

23. Preserve the Existing Platform on Transportation and Toll Roads

Preserve the existing platform on transportation and tolling (planks #45, #104, #107-108, #160, #170, #172, #332-333) and work to adopt stronger measures to prevent a charge-by-mile tax or other anti-car measures in the president's infrastructure bill to refine and improve its current pro-taxpayer guiding principles on transportation.

24. Affirm Our Commitment to an America-First Agenda

Affirm commitment to candidates and policies which are unapologetically America First and place American liberty and prosperity at their unchangeably highest priority; and

Condemn all actions taken by members of all political parties to minimize and ignore the question of American prosperity, and condemns all those who liken Americans to terrorists because of their opposition to the current president's administration.

25. Legislation to Fund a Texas Border Security Wall

Both Houses of the Texas State Legislature should declare that an invasion of Texas has occurred along the Texas border with Mexico, and

The Governor of Texas should deploy the full might of the Texas State and National Guard combat, combat support and service support units to patrol, construct military barriers along, and otherwise secure the Texas border with Mexico from further foreign invasion and

Texas should pass adequately funded legislation providing for a fixed barrier along the Texas-Mexico border where geographically necessary (to be called the Texas Border Security Wall, "TBSW"), for the purpose of

stopping illegal crossings at the Texas border. This funding is to provide adequate funds for Texas law enforcement personnel to arrest, detain and deport illegal immigrants back to Mexico.

26. Declaration of Invasion Invoking Texas War Powers for Border Security

The Texas Governor should make a **declaration of invasion**, thereby invoking the state war powers under Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution which stipulates “No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit delay;” and

The Texas Governor, Commander-in-Chief of the Texas State and National Guard, cite the state war powers as the appropriate authorization to activate and deploy the Texas State and National Guard to detain and return illegal aliens back across the border, turn back illegal aliens to Mexico at the border, and defend (with kinetic action if necessary) against Cartel operatives, human traffickers, and drug mules moving deadly fentanyl and narcotics into Texas towns and communities; and

The Texas Attorney General prepare immediate lawsuits to counter the Federal government attempts to prevent Texas from defending its southern border; and

The Texas Legislature pass legislation that actively serves as a deterrent to illegal migration. Texas lawmakers should pass laws that protect Texas communities with a pro-citizen agenda that sends a decisive message to Cartel members, illegal aliens and the Federal government alike

27. Rescind all Constitutional/Article V Convention Applications

Republican Legislators to rescind all calls made for an Article V Convention of the States, and that Plank #92 in the 2020 RPT Platform be removed and replaced with language reading: “Plank XX: Article V Convention of States: We urge our Legislators to rescind all applications made by Texas for an Article V Convention.”

28. Prohibit Social-Credit Scoring Systems in Texas

The Texas legislature should prohibit use of social credit scoring systems or monitoring infrastructure by government agencies, their contractors and all business operations.

29. Robust Electric Grid in Texas

Resolved that Platform Plank #14 be modified as shown and made a priority.

14. We urge that the Texas Legislature pass legislation to provide a robust and hardened Texas electrical grid that provides reliable, affordable and continuous electrical power to all Texans regardless of the weather, hazardous conditions (such as geomagnetic storms created by solar flares from the sun and electromagnetic pulse (EMP)), or attacks (such as cyberattacks on the grid’s computerized command and control system, EMP, and physical attacks on substations and major high-voltage transformers)and minimizes reliance on sources of electricity from weather-dependent energy sources or production materials outside of Texas.

30. Oppose the President's 30 x 30 Federal Land-grab Program

The Texas Republican Party rejects and opposes the president's "America the Beautiful" program known as "30 x 30" as directed under EO 14008, and affirms our support for private property rights of all Texans and American citizens.

31. Change the Texas Constitution to Allow the Legislature to Call for a Special Legislative Session

An Amendment should be added to the Texas Constitution Article 4, Section 8 that legislators may also convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions to address specific matters of urgency by a petition signed by a majority of the members in both chambers: and

The Texas Legislature put this Amendment before the people for a vote.

32. Restrict the Duration of Declaration of Disaster

(1) The governor immediately rescind the declaration of disaster for COVID19; and

(2) The governor immediately convene an Emergency Management Council, per EMC 418.013, to assess a declared state of disaster within 60 days of the declaration and independently justify or recommend rescinding the declaration of disaster and continue to do so every 60 days until such time as the legislature can be convened on the subject in special session. This council shall recommend reliable metrics that keep track of the features that are relevant to a return to normal for the state and individual counties; and

(3) The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) immediately conduct a comprehensive "After Action" report for the COVID 19 disaster with grassroots city, county and state-wide components and provide within 90 days and including public review and comment at all levels; and

(4) The Emergency Management Code 418.014 (c) be changed to restrict the length of time that a disaster declaration is allowed to be in force without legislative approval: After the statement "A state of disaster may not continue for more than 30 days unless renewed by the governor," add the requirement "A declaration of a state of disaster or its associated emergency order shall not be renewed more than twice without consideration and majority approval of the legislature;"

And

(5) The Texas Legislature shall review of the Emergency Management Code 418 to determine paragraphs or wording not in compliance with the US or Texas Constitution and/or represent a future threat potential executive overreach without legislative checks and balances. Recommendations shall be made to make all portions implementable within the constraints of other laws. (e.g. fix laws that prohibit the practical implementation of paragraph 418.014 (c)).

33. Require Identity Verification of Employees Using E-Verify

Modify the plank 297 to reflect that the current Texas legislature should require that all employers verify the identity of their employees using a system such as E-Verify as a condition for hiring.

34. Investigate NASED. We recommend that the State of Texas investigate the NASED(National Association of State Election Directors) and other election NGOs for implications for undermining our first Amendment rights.