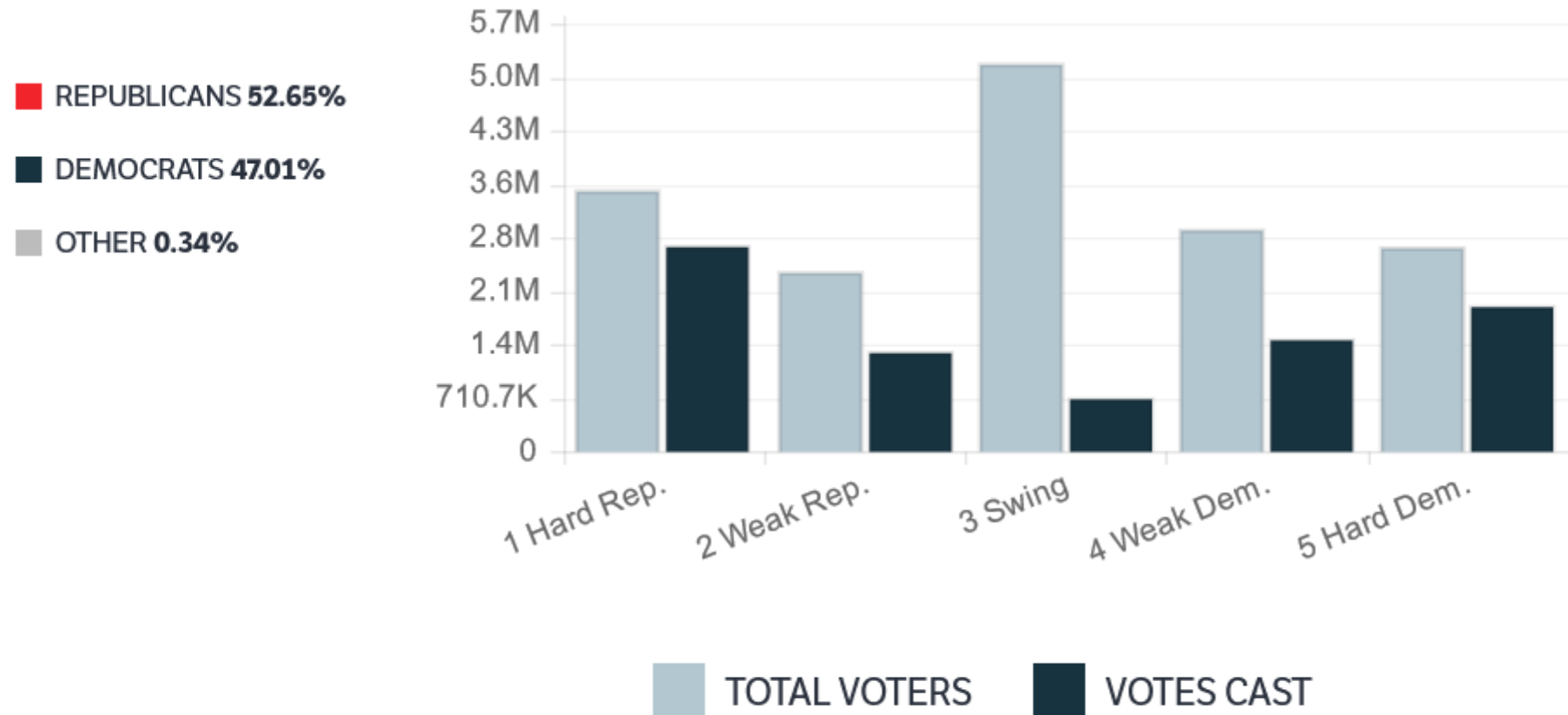


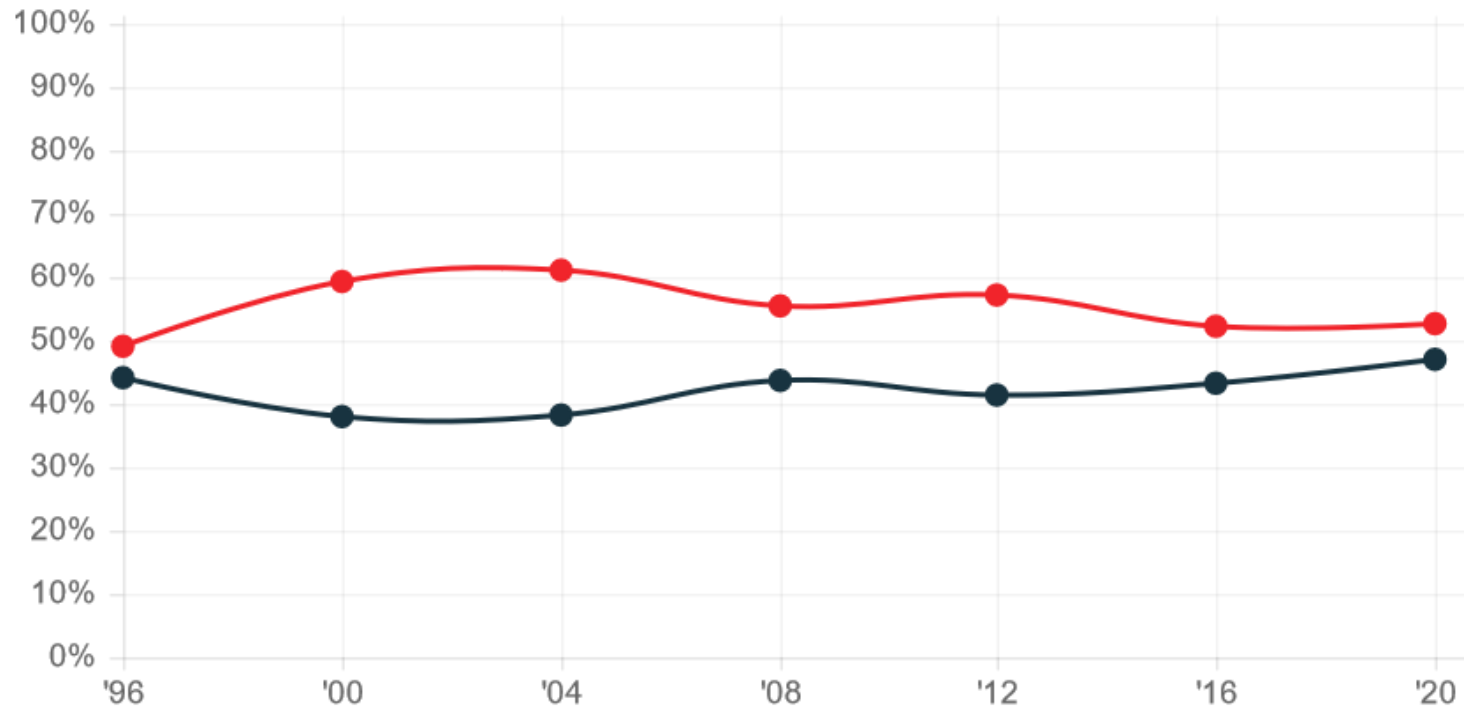
TRCCA Precinct Chair Training – The Beginning



2020 Election Turnout - Texas



Turnout History 1996-2020



**POLITICS is
about
ENGAGEMENT**

**ENGAGEMENT
is often about
TRUST**

Who are the people in your area more likely to trust, a faceless voice on a phone call, an email from someone they never heard of or a neighbor or friend?

**THIS IS WHY ACTIVE PRECINCT
CHAIRS ARE SO IMPORTANT!**

Local political parties are the most effective and powerful political force because they are the closest to the voter. **Active Precinct Chairs form the FOUNDATION of the local party!**

Party Structure

NATIONAL PARTY ORGANIZATION

- **Republican National Committee (RNC)**
 - National Committeeman
 - State Chairman
 - National Committeewoman

STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION:

- **State Republican Executive Committee (SREC)**
 - State Chairman
 - State Vice Chairman
 - Committeeman & Woman from each SD

COUNTY PARTY ORGANIZATION:

- **County Executive Committee (CEC)**
 - The County Chairman and Precinct Chairmen are elected by popular vote at the primary election held in March of each even-numbered year.
 - County Chairman
 - Precinct Chairmen

PRECINCT ORGANIZATION:

- Precinct Chairman
- Volunteers
- Voters

Precinct Chairs – Backbone of the Party

The PRIMARY purpose of a Precinct Chair:

- **“Grow and maximize the Republican vote in your Precinct”**

Qualifications - Precinct Chair

- Must be a qualified voter of the county and reside in the precinct they wish to represent
- File for Office
- Elected by vote in the Republican Primary OR elected by current CEC precinct chairs to fill a vacancy
 - State law allows that if only one person has filed to run for Precinct Chair, that person is declared elected and will not appear on the ballot
 - The name must be posted by the Election Judge at the polling site
- Serve a 2-year term
- Not a County, State or Federal Officeholder or candidate for such offices
- Affiliated with Republican Party

Importance of Precinct Chairs

- Elected in the Primary
- The absolute engine of the Party
- Without a strong representation of your Precincts on the CEC, the Party can not serve the County and expand the voter base and turnout
- Needed to keep and sustain Conservative growth

Responsibilities:

- Local elections - Run your elections!
- Voter engagement and volunteer recruitment
 - Identify and Register Voters
- GOTV –Get Out The Vote
- Inform voters
 - Election dates and polling locations
 - About our candidates
 - What's on the ballot –ballot initiatives
 - Precinct Conventions

- Serving as a member of the County Executive Committee
 - The only duty you cannot delegate and is governed by the TEC and party rules.
 - Attend CEC Meetings
 - Serve on Committees
 - Volunteer
 - Post Candidate Signs at Polling Locations
 - Assist County Chair as needed
- Attend Conventions: County, Senatorial and State
 - Be a delegate.
 - Precinct Chairs are always the temporary Chair of the Precinct Conventions

Statutory Requirements of the CEC

- Overseeing Primary Election (Sec. 172.111(b) TEC)
 - The oversight of the Primary Election including runoffs, is the sole responsibility of the Parties. The CEC must also approve the Primary Election Judges.
- Conducting Conventions
 - Setting the time and place for precinct conventions is the responsibility of the CEC. (Secs. 174.022 and 174.063 TEC.)
- Filling vacancies on the CEC
 - When a vacancy arises in between election cycles, the members of the CEC will convene to fill the vacancy by appointment. (Secs. 171.024 & 171.025 TEC.)

- Nomination for vacancy of certain offices
 - Under certain circumstances if a nominee of the Republican Party is unable to continue as the candidate for the office, the CEC will convene to represent the primary voters of the County and select and replacement nominee (Sec. 145.036 and Chapter 171, Subchapter C,B,D TEC.)
- Nomination for unexpired term
 - In some very specific circumstances, the CEC would be responsible for appointing a Republican nominee to run in a special election (Sec. 202.006 TEC.)

Removal from Office

TEC Section 171.029 **REMOVAL OF PRECINCT CHAIR OR COUNTY CHAIR FOR ABANDONMENT OF OFFICE**

(a) A precinct or county chair who has failed to perform statutory duties provided by this code or failed to attend four or more consecutive meetings of the county executive committee may be removed for abandonment of office as provided by this section.

(b) If authorized by a resolution passed by the county executive committee, a county chair may send a notice to a precinct chair that states that the precinct chair is considered to have abandoned the office of precinct chair and the duties of the office. The notice must:

- (1) state the reasons the county executive committee believes the precinct chair has abandoned the office;
- (2) be sent by certified mail; and
- (3) request a response from the precinct chair not later than the seventh day after the date the precinct chair receives the notice.

Added by Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 119 (S.B. 1072), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2015.

NOTICE TO PCT or COUNTY CHAIR IS NOT REQUIRED **UNLESS** A RESOLUTION REQUIRING SUCH NOTICE IS PASSED BY CEC OR SREC.

RPT Rules 8n: Elected Party Officials' Misconduct in Office – A Precinct Chair, County Chairman, or SREC member may be deemed to be derelict in the execution of his or her responsibilities in office, by:

1. Failing to perform statutory duties; or
2. Failing to attend two (2) consecutive statutory Executive Committee Meetings; or
3. Embezzling County Executive Committee funds; or
4. Being convicted of election fraud; or
5. At least three other documented instances of sufficiently egregious conduct that the Republican Party in that county or Senatorial District is subjected to public disgrace.

The Elected Party Official being reviewed must be notified at least seven (7) days in advance of any meeting concerning his or her sanction and must be offered the opportunity to present his or her own defense before a vote on sanction is taken. Regarding a Precinct or County Chairman, a written complaint signed by at least sixty percent (60%) of the voting membership of the County Executive Committee, or regarding an SREC member, a written complaint signed by at least sixty percent (60%) of the voting membership of the District Executive Committee, shall be forwarded to the Officials Committee of the SREC. If the Officials Committee finds the complaint has merit, the Officials Committee shall conduct a hearing on the conduct of the Precinct or County Chairman, or SREC member, and shall forward a recommendation to the State Chairman to pursue appropriate remedy.

Remember.....

- Every election starts and ends in a voting precinct. Federal, State and Local elections are all held in voting precincts.
- **YOU ARE THE CAPTAIN OF THESE PRECINCTS**
DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU PRECINCT CHAIRS ARE NOT IMPORTANT!