Republican Convention Hood County, Texas March 23, 2024

Resolution Committee Report

Committee Members

Van Vernon, Chair Nannette Samuelson, Member Shannon Wolf, Member

The Hood County Republican Convention was called into session following the Hood County Republican Precinct Convention on the morning of March 23, 2024. The Resolution Committee met during the County Convention to review, consider, and vote on the resolutions put forth by the Hood County Republican precincts.

The Resolution Committee was provided a folder from each precinct that was to contain minutes and any passed or failed resolutions that resulted from the various precinct convention meetings. Upon examining each folder, this committee discovered that a number of folders did not contain any resolutions or forms Exhibit E, which lists all passed resolutions, or forms Exhibit F, the list of all failed resolutions. Some folders contained resolutions but did not have Exhibits E or F. Because this committee could not determine if those resolutions passed or failed their precinct convention meeting, it was impossible to consider those resolutions.

In addition, a table with a sign that read *Resolution Committee* was placed in the main room of the convention. It was discovered that a stack of resolutions were placed on that table with no indication of whether or not the resolutions had been voted on by the precincts, if they passed or failed, or indeed the origins of the resolution. It was explained to this committee that some precinct chairs, attendees, and volunteers were unclear of the process of submitting the resolutions. Unfortunately, because there was no way to know if those resolutions were passed or not by their precincts or even if a precinct considered those resolutions, this committee was unable to consider them. For the resolutions that were submitted with a completed Exhibit E, 26 were passed by unanimous vote and 14 resolutions were failed by this committee. A list of both are included in this report.

Report Prepared by: Shannon Wolf and Nannette Samuelson

List of Passed Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Calling for Limiting Certificates of Obligation
- 2. Resolution in Support of Curtailing Local Government Spending
- 3. Resolution in Support of a "No-Growth" Budget
- 4. Resolution to Create a Texas Currency
- 5. Resolution to Amend Plank 92
- 6. Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Property Tax
- 7. Resolution Opposing Climate Mandates that Restrict Transportation
- 8. Resolution Opposing Kill Switch Mandate in Biden Infrastructure Bill
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Platform Category: Finance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution Calling for Limiting Certificates of Obligation

Be It Resolved that Section 271.043, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

All taxing entities are restricted to issuing Certificates of Obligation in those circumstances in which the Governor has declared a state of emergency or the local governing body has formally declared a local state of emergency of limited duration.

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Platform Category. Finance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution in Support of Curtailing Local Government Spending

Be It Resolved that all local government jurisdictions that are bound by the metric of population and inflation shall impose a spending cap.

Be it further resolved that all property tax should be lowered to that of the No New Revenue tax rate.

Be it further resolved that school districts' Maintenance and Operations tax rate shall be frozen until it can be compressed to zero

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Platform Category. Finance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution in Support of a "No-Growth" Budget

Be It Resolved that the Texas legislatures should impose a complete freeze on the growth of the state budget, until wasteful agencies and programs have been abolished and a sustainable size of government is restored.

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Platform Category. Finance: Transparency and Oversight

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution to Create a Texas Currency

Be it resolved that the legislature shall pass such legislation to create its own gold and silver backed fiat currency.

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Platform Category. Finance: Spending Restraint

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? Yes. Plank 92

Resolution to Amend Plank 92

Be it resolved that all bond elections should be held during midterm or presidential elections only.

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Platform Category. Finance: School Finance and Property Taxation

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Property Tax

Be it resolved that the Texas Legislature create a law eliminating the property tax system and the idea of paying perpetual rent to the government.

Be it further resolved the Texas legislature should find other sources of existing revenue to fund important government services, including but not limited to, cutting government spending and using existing budget surpluses.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Market and Regulation

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution Opposing Climate Mandates that Restrict Transportation

Be it resolved that we urge local, state, and federal lawmakers to prohibit the imposition of the Green Agenda, and part of the Vision Zero, Net 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.

Be it further resolved that Texas officials err on 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.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Market and Regulation

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution Opposing Kill Switch Mandate in Biden Infrastructure Bill

Be it resolved, that we demand our state and federal lawmakers, with all haste, prohibit a government-mandated kill switch or other device designed to cease a vehicle's operation remotely.

Be it further resolved that we demand our officials proceed with urgency to protect Americans' constitutional rights by stopping this federal mandate and prohibiting installation of kill switches into American vehicles.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Market and Regulation

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Protect Financial Assets

Be it resolved that the Texas legislature pass legislation similar to 2024 South Dakota HB 1199 to protect Texas citizens' financial assets from third party securities intermediaries.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Market and Regulation

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Ban a Central Bank

Be it resolved that the State of Texas ban the creation of any central bank digital currencies.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Energy and Environment

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Support Fair Market Practices

Be it resolved that The State of Texas pass into law a measure to support of enabling legislation to ban subsidies and high market repurchase of power.

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Platform Category. Business, Commerce, Transportation: Energy and Environment

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Protect the Texas Utility Grid and Texas Consumers

Be it resolved the Texas legislature require ERCOT and PUCT to require crypto-currency operators to register, fully identify all parties occupying their facilities, periodically report their energy usage, as well as, the terms and conditions of purchases and sales of electrical energy to and from public utility companies.

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Platform Category. Criminal and Civil Justice

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution Calling for Judicial Reform of Publication and Accessibility of Findings of Fact

Be it resolved the Texas legislature require all courts to immediately validate and produce a mandatory Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law for every substantive decision or final ruling in a case.

Be it further resolved that the Texas legislature require all courts to employ a certified shorthand reporter in all in-camera hearings, preserving the record in all transactions with the judge for any case and ensuring against technological manipulation of records or proceedings.

Be it further resolved that the Texas legislature require all judges to state their rationale for their final decision on the record.

Be it further resolved that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall henceforth be composed of 13 voting members either appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas or elected by the public and 1 member appointed by the Supreme Court, this latter member acting only in an advisory capacity.

Be it further resolved that the State requires the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall henceforth make public 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.

Be it further resolved that the State requires 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.

Be it further resolved that the State requires all judges be allowed to endorse a candidate equal to or lower than their own court, to be able to show confidence in a candidate running for public office.

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Platform Category. Human Health and Services: Environmental Health

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Require a TCEQ Hearing for Pollution Control

Be it resolved that the Texas Legislation require a TCEQ public hearing for all individuals who will be directly impacted by an increase in pollution in their communities, before allowing a business, known or suspected of producing high levels of pollution, to commence operations and/or increase levels of pollution by any amount.

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Platform Category. Human Health and Services: Environmental Health

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Protect Health and Right of Quiet Enjoyment

Be it resolved that legislation be adopted to delegate authorities as needed to the Counties of Texas to establish appropriate noise restrictions and enforcement authorities to protect the citizenry from excessive and harmful noise.

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: State Governance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? Yes. Plank 225

Resolution to Amend Plank 225 in the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas

Be it resolved that Plank 225 be amended to read as follows:

Texas Independence: We urge the Texas Legislature to pass a bill in its next session requiring a referendum in the next General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

Be it further resolved that this resolution calls upon the Texas Legislature to take timely action in accordance with this amendment, ensuring that the question of Texas independence is present to the electorate in a manner that allows for a clear and decisive decision-making process.

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: State Governance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Make a Referendum on Texas Independence a Legislative Priority of the Republican Party of Texas

Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Texas calls for the Texas Legislature, along with the Governor, to pass legislation requiring a referendum in the next General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be designated as a legislative priority for the Republican Party of Texas.

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: State Governance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution for a Ban on Out of State Campaign Contributions

Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Texas urges the State of Texas to pass legislation which bans campaign contributions and expenditures that originate from outside the State of Texas including individuals, organizations, and political action committees.

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: State Governance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution for Government Transparency: Let the People See!

Be it resolved that all government activity throughout Texas must be freely available for Texans to download and analyze, to include:

- * All bills and resolutions and any and all actions involving these
- * All voting activity on the floor and in committee
- * All lobbying efforts by citizens and organizations
- * All fiscal impact analyses
- * All journal activity and minutes

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: State Governance

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution Calling for Eliminating Qualified Immunity Defense

Be it resolved that the Texas Republican Party urges an immediate and clear policy from the legislature eliminating abuse of qualified immunity and protect the rights of the citizens.

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Platform Category. State of Affairs: Land Use

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Ban Chinese Control

Be it resolved that the Texas Legislature pass a law where no property in the State of Texas can be owned or controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

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Platform Category. Constitutional Issues: State Sovereignty

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? Yes. Plank 33

Resolution to Retain Plank 33 in the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas

Be it resolved that Plank 33, as currently articulated: "State Sovereignty: Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, the federal government has impaired our right of local self-government. Therefore, federally mandated legislation that infringes upon the 10th Amendment rights of Texas shall be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified. Texas retains the rights to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to pass a referendum consistent thereto." Represents an essential and unyielding position within or platform, affirming the rights and powers of Texas under both the Texas and United States Constitution.

Be it further resolved that retaining Plank 33 in the new platform is paramount to preserving the foundational principles upon which our state's governance and legislative priorities are established.

Be it further resolved that this resolution endorses the continued inclusion of Plank 33 State Sovereignty in the platform as a testament to our unwavering commitment to state sovereignty, the rights of local selfgovernment, and the principles of federalism as defined by the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

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Platform Category. National Defense: Foreign Affairs

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No.

Resolution to Ban Nations who are Hostile to the USA and Thus to Texas from Owning, Operating, or Having any Affiliation with a Business in Texas

Be it resolved, that the Hood County Republican Party hereby adopt this resolution in support of enabling legislation to require a full ban on individuals or corporations who are citizens of a nation hostile to the USA or foreign nations whose citizenship is from a country who is hostile to the USA and her citizens and thus to the State of Texas from owning in full or in part or operating any commercial enterprise and to require all Texas businesses to register and fully identify all non-national parties who own in full or in part and/or operate a business within the State of Texas.

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Platform Category: Government and Election Integrity: Elections

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution Calling for Closed Primaries

Be it resolved that voters must declare the party of affiliation in primaries and having that affiliation follow their voting history.

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Platform Category: Government and Election Integrity: Elections

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? No

Resolution for Precinct-Only Voting

Be it resolved we support striking Chapter 43.007 Countywide Polling Place Program in the Texas Election Code and requiring Precinct-Only voting for both in-person Early Voting and in-personal Election Day Voting.

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Platform Category: Government Operations

Is this resolution amending a current plank? If so, what number? Yes. Plank 232

Resolution in Support of a Ban on Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

Be it resolved that Texas legislature should eliminate the ability for tax dollars to be used to hire lobbyists in that lobbying is against the interests of taxpayers.

Be it further resolved that Texas legislature should ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

COUNTY: HOOD SENATE DISTRICT NO. 22

Exhibit H Failed Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Calling for Changes to Texas Election Code Chapter 65
- 2. Resolution to Increase Funding for the Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program
- Resolution to Endorse the Use of New Efficient Block Chains and Cryptocurrencies to Combat the inflation Created by the Endless Printing of the US dollar by the Federal Government.
- 4. Resolution to Change Election Code
- 5. Resolution for Water Board Officials to be Elected and not Appointed
- 6. Resolution to Ban Squatters
- Resolution to Require Continuing Education Course on the US Constitution for Elected Officials
- 8. Resolution to Require Only Natural Born and Naturalized Citizens in the Census
- 9. Resolution Supporting Fiscally Responsible Texas Public Schools
- 10. Resolution to Dismantle the NEA
- 11. Resolution to Let Texans Run Texas
- 12. Resolution to Promote Election Security