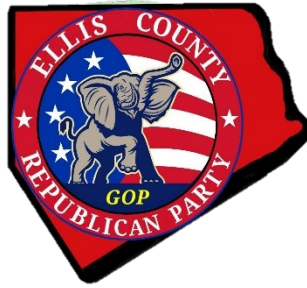


# Ellis County Republican Party



## FAILED Senate District II Resolutions for 2024

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### Constitutional Issues

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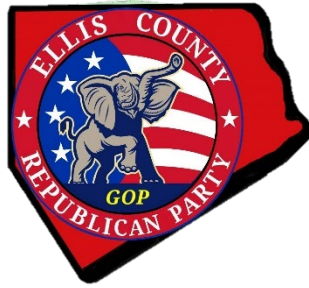
1. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Speaker of the House should be an elected position chosen by Texas voters. This position would be a one-term position, in that it would be on the ballot in even-numbered years, prior to the next legislative session. [FAILED REASON: Fundamental problem is the power of the speaker, not how he or she is elected.]

### Government & Election Integrity

2. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The County Elections Administrator should be an elected position chosen by voters in the county. [FAILED] because the Elections Administrator should not be partisan and should not be distracted by campaigning while running the election; the administrator would have disproportionate power over the election of him or herself (access to machines, potential for or appearance of fraud). There are other ways to make the Administrator more accountable. Elected officials are also harder to remove from office than employees who can be terminated and replaced.]

### National Defense & Foreign Affairs

# Ellis County Republican Party



## Senate District II Resolutions for 2024

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### Constitutional Issues

#### Preservation of the Constitution

1. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That every bill filed in the Texas Legislature or in Congress shall cite in its heading the section and clause of the State or Federal Constitution under which such authority is being exercised. **[PASSED]**
2. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Civil Service of the United States shall be reformed such that the President shall have power to terminate any employee(s) of a federal agency, whether within his cabinet or within regulatory agencies, at will. **[PASSED]**

#### Citizen Rights

3. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Federal Government shall not prohibit the lawful carrying of firearms on any federal property accessible to the general public, including (but not limited to) waterways, lakes, dams, and postal offices. **[PASSED]**

#### State Sovereignty

4. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That no federal law enforcement agency (including, but not limited to the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Central Intelligence Agency) shall maintain original power to arrest American citizens; such power shall be carried out, at the request of federal agencies, by state and local law enforcement. **[PASSED]**

### Business, Commerce, & Transportation

#### Markets & Regulation

5. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Republican Party of Texas urges the State Legislature to pass legislation establishing Central Standard Time as the permanent time for the majority of Texas in the Central (US) Time Zone and Mountain Standard Time as the permanent time for the portion of Texas in the Mountain (US) Time Zone. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Republican Party of Texas urges

our US Representatives and US Senators to support legislation in the US Congress that would establish permanent Standard Time nationwide. **[PASSED]**

## Retirement, Savings, Unions

## Energy and Environment

## Transportation

6. **BE IT RESOLVED:** that we urge local, state, and federal lawmakers to prohibit the imposition of the Green Agenda, any part of 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 we urge local officials to 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. **[PASSED]**
7. **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, either by mandate or by the manufacturer. **[PASSED]**
8. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:** Section 1. Section 112.002, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
  - (b) A railroad company may:
    - (1) sue, be sued, plead, and be impleaded in its corporate name.
    - (2) have and use a seal and alter the seal at will.
    - (3) receive and convey persons and property on its railway by any mechanical power, including the use of steam.
    - (4) regulate the time and way, and the compensation for which, passengers and property are transported, subject to the provisions of law.
    - (5) except as provided by Subsection (c), exercise the power of eminent domain for the purposes prescribed by this subtitle or Subtitle D.
    - (6) purchase, hold, and use all property as necessary for the construction and use of its railway, stations, and other accommodations necessary to accomplish company objectives, and convey that property when no longer required for railway use; and
    - (7) take, hold, and use property granted to the company to aid in the construction and use of its railway, and convey that property in a manner consistent with the terms of the grant when the property is no longer required for railway use; and
  - (c) A private entity may not exercise the power of eminent domain for the purpose of developing or operating high-speed rail, as defined by Section 111.103, 112.201, or 199.003. **[PASSED]**
9. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:** Section 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.054. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT.

  - (a) In this section, "high-speed rail" has the meaning assigned by Section 112.021, Transportation Code.
  - (b) The commission may issue a permit authorizing the construction and operation of a high-speed rail project only if the commission determines that the construction and operation will

- not adversely impact the quality of drinking water, surface water, or groundwater in any area of this state.
- (c) In addition to any other permit required by law, a person may not begin construction and operation of a high-speed rail project without first obtaining a permit issued by the commission under this section.
  - (d) The commission shall adopt rules to administer this section, including rules establishing application procedures and fees for a permit required by this section. **[PASSED]**

## COVID Response

## Privacy, Information Freedom, Internet

- 10. **BE IT RESOLVED:** An update is needed to Section 107 of the Copyright Act to set the power to express Fair Use squarely within human hands. It will empower creators to seek redress should their hard work and dedication be used without their knowledge, without their will, and without their enrichment. It will further dissuade the purveyors of Artificial Intelligence from using “scrapers” to collect copyrighted materials from the open internet for use in the decision-making algorithms that power Artificial Intelligence. This proposition does not seek to stifle innovation or forbid business relationships between creators and the purveyors of Artificial Intelligence. It simply seeks to even the playing field so that creators may use their considerable skills and talent to earn a living as they always have. **[PASSED]**
- 11. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That no government entity – municipal, state, or federal – shall employ cameras, scanners, license plate readers, or other devices capable of identifying members of the general public in real-time; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that any footage obtained from devices capable of identifying individuals, whether with facial recognition or other software, may not be compared with profiles contained in databases containing individually-identifying information without a warrant. **[PASSED]**
- 12. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That no business, corporation, or other private entity providing data services shall provide data collected on individual users to any government entity without a warrant. **[PASSED]**
- 13. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That no business, corporation, or other private entity providing data services shall store location or biometric data of users. **[PASSED]**

## **Finance**

### Spending Restraint

### School Finance & Property Taxation

### Opposition to Market-Distorting Tax & Fiscal Subsidies

### Transparency & Oversight

## **Education**

### Parents' Rights

### Curriculum

### Governance

### Higher Education

## Health & Human Services

### Parents' Rights

### Healthcare Independence

14. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Texas Legislature must:

- Ban all vaccine mandates by all public and private entities;
- Prevent Texas employers from hiring, promoting, or firing workers or volunteers based solely on vaccination status;
- Prohibit the denial of any public service or benefit based on vaccination status;
- Prohibit the denial of emergency or life-saving medical care based on vaccination status;
- Reject any attempts to mandate, force, or coerce any medical test, procedure, or product, including vaccines or masks, on Texans; and
- Preserve the statutorily-protected right of Texans to utilize the Texas Exemption from Immunization for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit without scrutiny or adverse action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Republican Party of Texas designate these issues as a single legislative priority entitled Vaccine Choice. **[PASSED]**

### Government-Funded Health Programs

### Mental Health

### Homosexuality & Gender Issues

### Substance Abuse & Addiction

### Life-Affirming Health Care Concepts

### Environmental Health

## Criminal and Civil Justice

### Rights & Protections

### Courts, Prosecutions, Restitution

### Law Enforcement

15. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That we believe that any illegal alien released into the country be identified with biometric information that shall be retained by U.S. Customs & Border Patrol and released to law enforcement on request. **[PASSED]**

16. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That any location in Texas in which it is statutorily prohibited for members of the general public to carry a firearm shall maintain at least two armed peace officers on the premises during normal hours of operation at all times; the presence of these peace officers shall be at the expense of the municipality in which the facility is located. **[PASSED]**

### Family Law

## State Affairs

## Heritage Preservation

17. **BE IT RESOLVED:** No honorific statuary, monument, nomenclature, or symbol in federal, state, or local government or public (not privately held) property shall be permanently removed, altered, defaced or allowed to suffer demolition by neglect, when such honorarium has been in place more than 50 years from date of original installation; this shall not pertain to the relocation of such honorariums on the same property due to renovation or construction on the property. **[PASSED]**

## Individual Rights & Freedoms

### Family & Gender Issues

### Pro-Life Issues

### Land Use

## State Governance

18. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Speaker of the House should be an elected position chosen by Texas voters. This position would be a one-term position, in that it would be on the ballot in even-numbered years, prior to the next legislative session. **[FAILED]**
19. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas House shall amend its Rules of Order such that the power of the Speaker to unilaterally appoint committee chairs is revoked, thus returning to pre-1990 rules in which the House, as a whole, elected committee chairs. **[PASSED]**
20. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That when the Speaker of the House is a Republican, there shall be no Democrat committee chairs. **[PASSED]**
21. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The County Elections Administrator should be an elected position chosen by voters in the county. **[FAILED]**
22. **BE IT RESOLVED:** Municipal seats should be partisan, where the candidate declares his or her party affiliation and is subject to a primary vote. **[PASSED]**
23. **BE IT RESOLVED:** School board positions should be partisan, where the candidate declares his or her party affiliation and is subject to a primary vote. **[PASSED]**
24. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall secure the border by passing bold legislation similar to the Border Protection Act and the Texas Title 42 Act, which allowed for immediate deportation of illegal immigrants. **[PASSED]**
25. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall reign in executive “emergency powers” so a future Governor cannot abuse them. **[PASSED]**
26. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall prohibit hostile and Communist governments from purchasing Texas land; the Legislature shall also provide a means by which the Attorney General of Texas can, through due process of law, nullify the deed of any property owner discovered to be aiding and abetting, or otherwise associated with, a foreign adversary. **[PASSED]**

27. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall eliminate job-crushing regulations by sunseting any that are not reviewed every four years. **[PASSED]**
28. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall reform the constitutional provisions of impeachment as proposed by Lt. Gov. Patrick. **[PASSED]**
29. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall end destructive ESG policies by statutorily defining fiduciary duty; only financial concerns shall be considered by lending institutions and corporations. **[PASSED]**
30. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall protect women and girls by defining “woman” in statute, especially with respect to Presidential Executive Orders. **[PASSED]**
31. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall establish a path to eliminate property taxes by requiring future surpluses to be used to lower rates. **[PASSED]**
32. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall ban all race-based admission, employment, and contracting practices in public universities, private universities that accept federal or state money, and all government entities; only merit shall be considered. **[PASSED]**

## Government & Election Integrity

### Government Operations

33. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That there will be a ban on lobbyists using taxpayer dollars, either in whole or in part, to fund their lobbying efforts. **[PASSED]**
34. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That research be done on behalf of volunteer fire departments to determine baseline funds needed, as well as sources to access these funds, to educate the community on existing ways to help fund local volunteer fire departments (i.e. Amazon Smile, a budgeted monthly donation, etc.); **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a standard reimbursement be set for giving assistance to other departments; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That local law enforcement issue citations for existing law. **[PASSED]**
35. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That House Bill 2127, the “Death Star Bill” which revokes significant home-rule authority from Texas municipalities, shall be repealed. **[PASSED]**
36. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That any utilities district, including, but not limited to Municipal Utility Districts, must be approved by the Commissioners’ Court of the County, and the City Council of any municipality, in which the proposed district is to be located prior to approval by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. **[PASSED]**

### Elections

37. **BE IT RESOLVED:** A legal voter in the State of Texas must show proof of citizenship and residence when registering to vote. **[PASSED]**
38. **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Legislature shall strengthen Texas’ election integrity laws by restricting mail-in ballots to those physically unable to visit a polling location due to disability, military service, or being more than 100 miles from the nearest polling location during early voting and on election day. **[PASSED]**

39. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That primaries in Texas will be closed to persons registered for that party.

**[PASSED]**

40. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That there shall be no rank-choice or instant runoff voting in Texas. **[PASSED]**

## National Defense & Foreign Affairs

### Border Security & Immigration

41. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That there should be a state-level investigation into the alleged trafficking of unaccompanied children and failures by Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, and contracted non-governmental organizations responsible for the care and safety of the vulnerable unaccompanied child population, and for the state-level investigation to include any potential impacts on Texas taxpayers and risks to Texas communities. **[PASSED]**

42. **BE IT RESOLVED:** In adherence to Texas Government Code 402.035, in accordance with Federal statute and law, any additional administrative action; to secure Texas' border with Mexico, Texas legislators shall consider legislation to create the Texas Department of Homeland Security as an individual entity working collaboratively with other appropriate law enforcement agencies across the state; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Texas Legislature shall create within the new department, a Texas Border Force, separate, but working collaboratively, with the Texas Department of Public Safety, to be located along Texas' border with Mexico and under the direction, including but not limited to, the Texas Border Czar appointed by the Governor; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Legislature should create a program within the department to help incentivize expanding the 287g program in counties that cooperate with Operation Lone Star task forces and operations. **[PASSED]**

43. **BE IT RESOLVED:** That Texas should continue to fund and support the expansion of regional cooperative Operation Lone Star task forces statewide for the safety and security of Texas. **[PASSED]**

### Foreign Affairs

44. **BE IT RESOLVED:** that no woman shall serve in a direct combat role in the United States military. **[PASSED]**