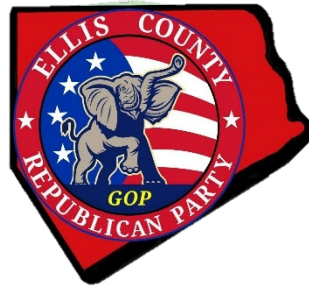


# Ellis County Republican Party



## Senate District 22 Resolutions for 2024

*Compiled on March 19, 2024*

### **Criminal and Civil Justice**

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** ~~in accordance with of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ellis County, meeting March 9, 2024, a quorum being present, by a vote of at least two thirds present and voting, hereby request~~ the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall henceforth make public any and 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. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**

### **Election Matters**

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Republican Party should refuse to support any candidate or elected official who admits to moral infidelity, or who is convicted by a jury of their peers for any act of sexual transgression. **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that RPT Rule 7, regarding voting at any level of Republican meeting, be amended to permit any Republican meeting that must hold a multi-candidate election may first elect by simple majority on whether to run that election under Ranked-choice Voting rules rather than the traditional method of holding successive run-off elections until a majority is obtained, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our legislatures should be encouraged to amend the Texas State Election Code to permit the use of Ranked-choice Voting within Texas elections. **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Republican Party shall encourage legislatures to amend Texas law prior to the 2031 redistricting process, to create an independent non-partisan commission with the task of assisting and vetting redistricting proposals, and that lawmakers may not enact redistricting without consensus from this commission. **[FAILED]**

## Election Matters (Continued)

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Age limit for State and Federal: 75 years old. [FAILED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Age limit of 75 or lower at time of term. Then they must not be allowed on ballot. For state or federal elections, or could be required to have cognitive test each year after being 75 or older. [FAILED]

## Election Integrity

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Propose that ballot drop box be banned state-wide. [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** All voters must have proof of citizenship to register; and provide photo ID to vote. [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Propose that early voting be greatly reduced to 7 days or less. [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Mail-in voting should be only for military members on active duty and handicapped home-bound voters. Limit mail-in voting enrolled in college. [PASSED]
- **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-person Election Day Voting. [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that any Reasonable Impediment Declaration includes a means of identifying the individual submitting the Reasonable Impediment Declaration. This may include but is not limited to a thumb print on the Reasonable Declaration and/or a photograph of the individual [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that The Texas legislature shall strengthen Texas's election integrity laws. [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that ~~1056 Precinct Republicans~~ [we] hereby adopt this resolution in support of legislation to improve election integrity, ~~such as using write-once data memory cards, mandatory zero/results tape printing, using paper poll books, single in person voting period, the use of single in-person paper ballots, precinct-only voting locations, vote count verification, and other changes to minimize the opportunities for error or fraud.~~ [AMENDED | PASSED]

## Energy and Environment

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** That we hereby adopt this resolution in support of measures such as state legislation to secure the Texas electric grid from naturally occurring threats, as well as taking all reasonable actions to safeguard the Texas electric grid from malicious man-made attacks, including opposing all efforts to connect to the national grid, instead allowing Texas to strengthen and improve existing energy infrastructure through state-led initiatives. [PASSED]

## Energy and Environment (Continued)

- **BE IT RESOLVED** The Texas Legislature shall enact policy to ensure that all members of ERCOT reside in the state of Texas. **[PASSED]**

## Government Operations

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the organization of the House be reviewed and approved collectively by the House of Representatives to include, House Rules and Procedures, and the appointment of House Parliamentarian. ~~and Officers, House Committees and Chairman, and the fate of all bills after their first reading, and any other matter that ensures the representative democracy of Texas and abolishes autocratic procedures and controls.~~ **[AMENDED | PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that all organization of the House be reviewed and approved collectively by the House of Representatives to include, House Rules and Procedures, appointment of House Parliamentarian and Officers, House Committees and Chairman, and the fate of all bills after their first reading, and any other matter that ensures the representative democracy of Texas and abolishes autocratic procedures and controls. **[DUPLICATE | FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Texas Speaker of the House shall only serve one term and shall not have any power given to him, or her, that is not equal to all House Representatives **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Ellis County Republicans reiterate the call for Texas Republicans to enact legislation adding term limits of no more than 12 years in any given state or federal office. **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** The term of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives shall be only one term. This condition should apply to the next Legislative session in 2025 and all future sessions. **[FAILED]**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Regarding the appointing of committee chairmen during legislative sessions in Texas, the majority party of Texas House of Representatives shall dictate the party from which the committee chairs are chosen. ~~Further stated, when the Texas Legislature is composed of a majority of republicans, the committee chairmen must also be chosen from republican representatives~~ **[AMENDED | PASSED]**

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** ~~in accordance with the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ellis County, meeting March 9, 2024, a quorum being present, by a vote of at least two-thirds present and voting, hereby request~~ 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. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**

## Land Use

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Make it illegal to sell any land in Texas to a foreign country or entity or individual; Also, any land currently owned by a foreign company or entity or individual must be sold to an American citizen or 75% American owned company or entity within 6 months of passage of the law. **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the state Republican Party of Texas should amend the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform to include the following Plank:  
The State of Texas should prohibit the purchase of agricultural land by foreign citizens, proxies or entities associated with any country deemed hostile to the [United States] ~~State of Texas or the national security of the United States as designated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence~~, including, but not limited to, China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia. The State of Texas should divest ownership of agricultural land and property in proximity to military installations by foreign citizens and entities associated with any country prohibited from ownership by this resolution. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Any Texas land owned by foreign entities must be reclaimed and sold to an American citizen or make it illegal to sell Texas land to any foreign entity or company. **[FAILED]**

## Lobbying Rules

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** ~~the 1056 Precinct~~ [we] support eliminating the ability for tax dollars to be used to hire lobbyists that lobby against the interests of taxpayers; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ~~the 1056 Precinct~~ [we] support a ban on the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**

## School Finance & Property Taxation

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** ~~1056 Precinct~~ [we] supports eliminating the property tax system and the idea of paying perpetual rent to the government; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ~~1056 Precinct~~ [we] supports finding other sources of existing revenue to fund important government services, including but not limited to, cutting government spending and using existing budget surpluses. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**

## Second Amendment

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** ~~18-20 year old to be should be allowed~~ [has the right] to [purchase, and,] keep and bear arms. **[AMENDED | PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** 18-20 year olds need to be able to purchase and carry firearms. 2nd Amendment does not dictate age, but they can fight for military. **[DUPLICATE | FAILED]**

## Transportation

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that we urge the platform committee to preserve the existing pro-taxpayer platform urging accountability on transportation, tolling, property rights (Planks #55, #63, #65, #80, #88, #92, #95, #173-175, #222-223, #230, #232, #239) and work to adopt stronger measures (to prevent a state or federal mileage tax, carbon tax, personal social score, kill switch mandate or other anti-car measures in Biden's infra bill) to refine and improve its current pro-taxpayer guiding principles on transportation. **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** All vehicles should vacate the lane if there is another vehicle in it. Bicycles included. **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that we demand our state and federal lawmakers, with all haste, to prohibit a government-mandated kill switch or other device designed to cease a vehicle's operation remotely; and **BE IF 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. **[PASSED]**
- **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; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that we urge 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]**

## Vaccine Choice

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Texas Legislature must:
  - a. Ban all vaccine mandates by all public and private entities,
  - b. Prevent Texas employers from hiring, promoting, or firing workers or volunteers based solely on vaccination status,
  - c. Prohibit students of any age or field of study from being denied educational opportunities based on vaccination status,
  - d. Prohibit the denial of any public service or benefit based on vaccination status,
  - e. Prohibit the denial of emergency or life-saving medical care based on vaccination status,
  - f. Reject any attempts to mandate, force, or coerce any medical test, procedure, or product, including vaccines or masks, on Texans, and
  - g. Preserve the statutorily protected right of Texans to utilize the Texas Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit without scrutiny or adverse action.**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Texas designates these issues as a single legislative priority entitled Vaccine Choice. **[PASSED]**

## Republican Party

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Republican Party goes back to the basics of Limited government & Fiscal Responsibility [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** that Article III, Section 1. State Republican Election Committee 2022-2024 SREC Bylaws will be amended to read as follows:

### Section 1. Election

The SREC shall be composed of the State Chairman (hereinafter referred to as the "Chairman") and the State Vice-Chairman (hereinafter referred to as the "Vice- Chairman"), one a man and the other a woman, to be elected at the Party's biennial state convention, and two (2) members from each State- Senatorial district, one a man and the other a woman, all to be elected at the Party's biennial Senate District or County **conventions**, as prescribed by the Texas Election Code [1] [PASSED]

## Republican Party Platform Revisions

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 13, which reads:  
"We call for all who swear the oath [to the United States Constitution,] to support and maintain the limitations and clear meaning of the United States Constitution." [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 13, Section e, which reads:  
"Support a change to the 14th Amendment to eliminate "birth tourism" or "anchor babies" by granting citizenship only to those with at least one biological parent who is a US citizen [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to add Section g to Plank 21, which would read: ["We strongly discourage the State's pre-emption of local governances."] [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Amend Plank 24, which reads:  
"There ~~should~~ [ought to] be a single age of majority upon which, when reached, all citizens ~~will be guaranteed~~ [shall assume] their rights, duties, and privileges." [PASSED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to Amend Plank 33, which reads:  
"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 right to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to pass a referendum consistent thereto.~~" [FAILED]
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 34, which reads:  
"The State Legislature shall cause to be enacted a State Constitutional Amendment creating an electoral college consisting of electors selected by the popular votes cast within each individual State senatorial district, who shall then elect all statewide office holders." [PASSED]

## Republican Party Platform Revisions (Continued)

- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Republican Party of Texas shall reiterate its support of an Article V Convention of States by including it as a legislative priority and altering Plank 37 to read as follows: *Article 5 Convention of States: The Texas Legislature shall indefinitely extend the call for a Convention of States to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.* [PASSED]
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 38, which reads:  
 “We encourage the Legislature to preempt local government efforts to interfere with the State’s sovereignty over business, employees, and property rights. This includes but is not limited to burdensome regulations on short-term rentals, bags, sick leave, trees, and employee criminal screening. We support preemption of city ordinances that dictate sick leave policies to private businesses. This excludes the handling of emergency orders.” [PASSED]
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 45, which reads:  
 “We call on the Texas Legislature to continue to streamline the building permitting process to ease burdens and costs on developers and consumers. We encourage the Legislature to monitor implementation of existing legislation that protects property development rights and to close loopholes that cities are using to circumvent these laws. We oppose retroactive rulemaking and changing the rules on developments that have already been issued permits.” [PASSED]
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 46, which reads:  
 “Texas should continue to pass legislation needed to protect the citizens of Texas from corporate violation of their rights in the Great Reset/Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) schemes, as follows:

~~Ban companies and corporations that attempt to suppress funding for Texas industries from doing business with the State of Texas and its subdivisions.~~

~~Make it illegal for banks and financial institutions operating in Texas to make lending decisions based on anything other than financial concerns. The model for such legislation shall be the Fair Access to Financial Services rule promulgated by President Trump’s Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which was immediately suspended by the current occupant of the White House.~~

~~Add penalties in Texas law for corporations operating in Texas that lead or participate in boycotts against Texas due to legislative action to protect the rights of Texans to decline vaccination, protect the unborn, stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools, compete in sports with only those of their own biological gender, or to protect children and juveniles against sexual organ mutilation and hormones and puberty blockers designed to fake transition from one gender to another.~~

~~Add explicit protections for the natural right of Texans to keep and exchange and store their wealth in the mediums of exchange (including digital currency, gold and silver coin, bullion, cash, and scrip) of choice to the Texas Bill of Rights. This will help stop global institutions and the Federal Government from forcing Texans to use the financial services and currency dictated by them.~~

~~Consider the expansion or use of existing Texas anti-trust law to prohibit collusion between woke corporations to cancel/drive others out of business.”~~ [AMENDED; PARTIALLY REMOVE | PASSED]

## Republican Party Platform Revisions (Continued)

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 79, which reads:  
 “We oppose any expansion of gambling, including legalized casino gambling. We oppose and call for a veto of any budget that relies on expansion of legalized gambling as a method of finance.”  
**[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 80, which reads:  
~~“We urge that Taxes established for a particular purpose shall not be used for any other purpose. Tax revenue derived from gasoline taxes and all other taxes/fees on our vehicles (including vehicle sales tax) shall only be used for road construction and maintenance, and shall not be diverted to any other use, including mass transit, rail, restrictive lanes, and bicycle paths.”~~ **[AMENDED | PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 82 [by adding Section f.] which reads:  
 “We support abolishing the following:

  - a. Estate tax (commonly known as the Death Tax).
  - b. Inventory taxes.
  - c. Business franchise taxes.
  - d. Taxes on phone and internet services.
  - e. Affordable Care Act Home Sales Tax”
  - f. [Income tax] **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** Amend Plank 83, which reads:  
 “We support ~~a flat tax~~ or the replacement of the income tax with a consumption tax that reduces the overall tax burden.” **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 87, which reads:  
~~“Any large city or county that cuts its police budget by more than 10% should be required to cut its property tax revenue by the same or greater percentage.”~~ And replacing it with the following language:  
 [City and county budgets should be decided by local city and county officials; however, we encourage these entities to provide for adequate law enforcement budgets to safeguard the property, safety and well-being of residents.] **[AMENDED | PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 105, which reads:  
 “We demand the State Legislature pass a law prohibiting the teaching of sex education, sexual health, or sexual choice or identity 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, individual 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, 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.”  
**[FAILED]**



## Republican Party Platform Revisions (Continued)

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 126, which reads:  
 “Until the legislature removes sex education from the curriculum of public schools, the State of Texas should adopt changes to Texas Education Code 28.004 to:
  - a. Require every member of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.
  - b. Require at least 50% of the SHAC to be parents of students within the district, who are not related to district employees.
  - c. Require at least 50% of the parent attendees to be present for business to be conducted and be open to the public.
  - d. Require every school district to post:
    - i. SHAC meeting minutes.
    - ii. Full and fair disclosure of the contents of the human sexuality instruction.
    - iii. Proposed changes to health education.
  - e. Close loopholes in order to prohibit contraception distribution and demonstration.
  - f. Expand the grievance process to cover the entire section of Texas **[FAILED]**
  
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 137, which reads:  
 “We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly states that Texans have the natural, inalienable right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment. Therefore, the following are expressly forbidden even in an emergency or in a pandemic:
  - b. Our personal healthcare decisions are private; any attempt to use a citizen's perceived health, infection recovery, or vaccination status as a condition to ~~maintain or obtain housing or employment or employee benefits, attend school or childcare, or access state services.~~ **[FAILED]**
  
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 137, which reads:  
 “We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly states that Texans have the natural, inalienable right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment. Therefore, the following are expressly forbidden even in an emergency or in a pandemic:
  - d. Any mandates by ~~public, private, government, or medical entities~~ for treatment, vaccination, vaccine passports, mask requirements, health insurance surcharges, or use of controlled substances of any kind. **[FAILED]**
  
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 155, which reads:  
 “Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice. We believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for homosexual behavior, regardless of state of origin, and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values. No one should be granted special legal status based on their LGBTQ+ identification.” **[FAILED]**

## Republican Party Platform Revisions (Continued)

- BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 183, which reads:

~~“We support the right to inform the jurors of their common law power to judge law (jury nullification) as well as the evidence, and to vote on the verdict according to their conscience.~~ Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution defines the role of judges. We support Congress limiting the powers of the US Federal Court by invoking Article 3, Section 2, and Clause 2, by legislating exceptions and creating regulations to limit the cases for which the US Federal Court have jurisdiction. We believe district attorneys have a duty to seek justice for victims of all forms of crime **[PASSED]**
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 201, to read:

~~“We believe that all historical war memorials, including Confederate monuments, in Texas shall be protected from future removal or defacement, and we believe that those monuments that have been to removed should be restored to their historical locations.~~ We support the continuing allocation of funds that are necessary to preserve the USS Texas as a permanent monument to the ship, her crew of two world wars, and the history of the State of Texas. **[FAILED]**
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 207, section a, which reads:

“No government entity in the state shall be allowed to define for any private business or private entity how it must segregate its restrooms, changing facilities. **[PASSED]**
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Planks 210, 211, 212, 213, and 214, which read:

“210. Definition of Marriage: We support the definition of marriage as a God-ordained, legal, and moral covenant only between one biological man and one biological woman. **[PASSED]**

211. State Authority over Marriage: We support withholding jurisdiction from the federal courts in cases involving family law, especially any changes in the definition of marriage. **[PASSED]**

212. Nullify Unconstitutional Ruling: We believe the Obergefell v. Hodges decision, overturning the Texas law prohibiting same-sex marriage in Texas, has no basis in the Constitution and should be nullified. **[PASSED]**

213. Spousal Benefits: We shall not recognize or grant to any unmarried person the legal rights or status of a spouse, as defined in Principle #6 of the Platform, including granting benefits by political subdivisions. **[PASSED]**

214. No-Fault Divorce: We urge the Legislature to rescind unilateral no-fault divorce laws, to support covenant marriage, and to pass legislation extending the period of time in which a divorce may occur to six months after the date of filing for divorce.” **[PASSED]**
- BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 225, which reads:

“We urge the Texas Legislature to pass bill in its next session requiring a referendum in the 2023 General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.” **[PASSED]**

**Republican Party Platform Revisions (Continued)**

- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 227, which reads:  
 “We oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana and offer opportunities for drug treatment before penalties for its illegal possession, use, or distribution **[FAILED]**”
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to remove Plank 246, which reads:  
 “We support protecting the integrity of the Republican Primary Election by requiring a closed primary system in Texas. While we welcome people to join the Republican Party who support limited government and traditional values, we oppose campaigns to get liberal Democrats to cross over and move the Republican Party to the left in the Primary.” **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 13, which reads:  
 “We respect Israel’s rights of sovereignty, self-determination, and self-defense, and therefore we support:
  - ~~f. Prohibition of the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as a form of warfare being waged upon Israel, on all levels, including and especially on college campuses, at the United Nations, and by anti-Western nongovernmental organizations.”~~ **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** to amend Plank 273, which reads:  
 “The United Nations is a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other countries; because of this we support:
  - ~~a. Our withdrawal from the current United Nations.~~
  - ~~b. The removal of the United Nations from United States soil.~~
  - ~~i. withdrawal from the UN International Baccalaureate Organization.”~~ **[PASSED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED** to Add a Plank, which reads:  
 [“We will meet the return of Russian belligerence with the same resolve that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. We will not accept any territorial change in Eastern Europe imposed by force, in Ukraine, Georgia, or elsewhere, and will use all appropriate constitutional measures to bring justice the practitioners of aggression and assassination.”] **[FAILED]**
- **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas Republican planform ought to be formatted in such a way as to be clear, concise, comprehensive, and broad as possible. There ought to not be more than 50 [125] Planks in total. **[PASSED]**