



## **2021 Texas Legislative Session and RPT Legislative Priorities**

WHEREAS, Legislative Priorities were voted upon by Republican Party of Texas delegates at the 2020 State Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Heartbeat Bill (SB8) has been signed by Governor Greg Abbott and is effective September 1, 2021, and has long been a priority for the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Carry (HB1927) was the first Republican Party of Texas priority in 2014 and is also on its way to the Governor for signature; and

WHEREAS, multiple Religious Freedom bills have been sent to the Governor, including

- HB525 – Protect religious organizations
- HB1239 – Prohibit suspension of laws protecting religious freedom & closure of places of worship
- HCR1 – Allowing prayer in schools and other gatherings
- SB797 – Allowing display of National Motto in schools and Encouraging Patriotism
- SB581 – Religious Displays and Home Owner Associations
- SJR27 – Constitutional Amendment to prohibit limiting a religious service; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas acknowledges the efforts of and gives thanks for the 2021 Republican Legislators for these and other bills which protect and promote conservative principles; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that priorities may take multiple sessions to put into law; and

WHEREAS, the number one priority, Election Integrity (SB7) died after passing both the Senate and the House chambers; and

WHEREAS, a second critical 2021 Priority regarding Child Gender Modification (SB1311/HB1399) was left on the table; and

WHEREAS, a third 2021 Priority regarding School Choice (SB1968) was neglected and denied a full discussion; and

WHEREAS, a fourth 2021 Priority regarding Monument Protection only received limited attention; and

WHEREAS, a fifth 2021 Priority regarding Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying (SB10, HB749) was denied a fair and open discussion in the House, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has requested that RPT Priority Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying (SB10) and Religious Freedom (SB29 Saving Women's Sports) be included in a special session; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas welcomes Governor Greg Abbott's word to bring a special session to address Election Integrity reform, 2021 Texas Legislative Session, and RPT Legislative Priorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully requests and insists that Child Gender Modification (SB1311 and HB1399) be included in any special session that the Governor may call for either 2021 or 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully requests that the Family Educational Relief Program (SB1968) be included in any 2021 or 2022 special session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully requests that Abolition of Abortion (HB 3326) be included in any 2021 or 2022 special session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee concur with the Lieutenant Governor's request to include Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying (SB10) and Saving Women's Sports (SB29) in any special session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee requests that lines of communication and avenues of cooperation be developed and established between the State Republican elected officials and the Republican Party of Texas in the interim of 2021 and 2022 in order for all Republicans to be better prepared and more united in our efforts to pass conservative bills that benefit all Texans in the 2023 session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee requests that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Texas Greg Abbott, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas Dan Patrick, the Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, each Republican State Representative and State Senator, the Republican County Chairs, and the Republican Precinct Chairs across the Great State of Texas.