

1 **Constitutional Issues**

2 (Preservation of Constitution)

3 Keep Oath to the Constitution: The Republican Party of Texas calls for all who swear the oath to
4 support and maintain the limitations and clear meaning of the United States Constitution.

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7 Preservation of our Constitutional Republic: We support our constitutional republican form of
8 government as set forth in the Texas Bill of Rights. We further resolve that all amendments to the Texas
9 Constitution require a majority of the voters in at least 191 counties (three-fourths), instead of a simple
10 majority of the votes.

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13 Enforce the Constitution Article 4 Section 4: The sovereignty of this state requires the protections
14 afforded under Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution, and any failing thereof authorizes the governor of
15 this state or the legislature to declare an invasion which shall be met with the full force of this state.

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18 No Foreign Law: No foreign law, contract, or judgement arising from any foreign state whose laws
19 violate fundamental Constitutional Rights shall be honored or enforced by any Texas court.

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22 Judicial Overreach: All attempts by the judiciary to rule in areas not constitutionally granted to the
23 judiciary, including abuses of the “commerce clause,” the “general welfare clause,” and the “supremacy
24 clause,” should be nullified. Any federal enforcement activities that do occur in Texas should be
25 conducted under the authority of the county sheriff. (SCOTUS Ruling in 1997 *Mack-Prinz v. US*)

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28 Limiting the Power of the Supreme Court: Judges don’t define the role of judges; Article 3, Section 2,
29 defines the roles of judges. We support Congress’s limiting the power of the Supreme Court by invoking
30 Article 3, Section 2, Clause 2, by “legislating exceptions and creating regulations” to limit the cases for
31 which the Supreme Court has jurisdiction.

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34 Amendments to the US Constitution:

- 35 a. We support term limits of twelve years for federal and state offices.
- 36 b. The Republican Party of Texas opposes “packing” (or enlarging) the United States
- 37 Supreme Court and supports the pending “Keep Nine Amendment” as filed in the United
- 38 States Senate and the House of Representatives with Bipartisan support.
- 39 c. Repeal the 16th Amendment (Federal Income Tax) (New resolution/plank)
- 40 d. We support restoring state sovereignty with the repeal of the 17th Amendment of the United
- 41 States Constitution and the appointment of United States Senators by the state legislatures.
- 42 e. We support a change to the 14th Amendment to eliminate “birth tourism” or anchor babies
- 43 by granting citizenship only to those with at least one biological parent who is a US citizen.
- 44 f. We support a constitutional amendment making English the official language of the United
- 45 States, and one of no more than two official languages of all US territories and other
- 46 possessions.

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49 Executive Orders: We oppose all executive orders, whether by a president, a governor, or a local
50 official, that go beyond administration of executive authority and have the effect of legislation. We call
51 upon the Texas Legislature or local lawmakers to nullify such executive orders.

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54 Limiting Overreaching State Government:

- 55 a. Repeal and replace Texas Code 418.
- 56 b. No form of government shall ever again implement mass lockdowns on the people, our
- 57 businesses, and churches.
- 58 c. We oppose funding or implementation of any form of contact tracing.
- 59 d. The Constitution must be changed to require the Legislature come to session after a
- 60 declared emergency lasting 30 days or more in five or more counties.
- 61 e. The Texas Governor shall no longer use executive orders to create public policy or law, and
- 62 shall no longer have the power to close businesses or declare some as “essential” or “non-
- 63 essential.”
- 64 f. The Governor’s authority during an emergency shall not be delegated.

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67 Dereliction of Duty: The failure to discharge any duty by a public official shall be a violation of the terms
68 of his or her oath of office, which shall constitute a crime, and upon conviction thereof shall be
69 punishable by a fine or imprisonment, depending on the nature of the offense. Any entity or person who
70 acts under the color of federal or state law to deprive a Texan of the rights or privileges insured by the
71 federal and state Constitution shall be liable to the injured parties for redress, including monetary
72 damages and injunctive relief, notwithstanding any preexisting immunities.

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75 Article V Convention of States: We reaffirm our support for our Texas State Legislators’ call for a limited

76 Article V Convention of States for the specific purpose of reducing the power of the federal government,
77 including fiscal responsibility, balanced budget, and term limits. Any proposed amendments must be
78 ratified by three-fourths of the states, and ratification thereof is not subject to any sunset provision.

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81 (Citizen Rights)

82 The Rights of a Sovereign People: The Republican Party of Texas supports the historic concept,
83 established by our nation's founders, of limited civil government jurisdiction under the natural laws of
84 God, and we oppose the concept that the state is sovereign over the affairs of men, the family, and the
85 church. We believe that government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be
86 restrained from intruding into the freedoms of its citizens. The function of government is not to grant
87 rights, but to protect the unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of
88 happiness of all, including the unborn.

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91 Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age: There should be a single age of majority upon which,
92 when reached, all citizens will be guaranteed their rights, duties, and privileges.

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95 National Popular Vote: The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a direct violation of Article 1,
96 Section 10, and Article 2, Section 1, of the Constitution and shall be rejected by Texas and all its
97 officials. We support the electoral college.

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100 Recall Elections: We support the right to recall our elected officials.

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103 Habeas Corpus: Any federal suspension of the writ of habeas corpus against a Texas citizen shall be
104 violative of the tenth amendment, Texas sovereignty, sovereignty of the individual, and actionable by
105 the state or the citizen.

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108 Census: In accordance with the United States Constitution, we support an actual count of United States
109 citizens only, and we oppose Census Bureau estimates and the collection of all other data.

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112 Equal Rights Amendment: We call upon the 88th Texas Legislature to adopt a resolution clarifying that
113 the 1972 ratification by the 62nd Texas Legislature of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the
114 United States Constitution was valid only through March 22, 1979.

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117 Parental Rights: The rights of parents are foundational to Western society and shall be respected,
118 affirmed, and protected by the Texas Constitution and Texas Law. We call upon the Legislature to
119 properly recognize and affirm the fundamental right of parents to make all decisions regarding the
120 upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, especially with regard to the grievous violations of
121 the Texas education system. Any failure to recognize, protect, or honor these fundamental rights shall
122 be actionable. Any parent exercising any of these fundamental rights shall not be prosecuted as
123 domestic terrorists.

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126 Prayer, Bible, and Ten Commandments in Schools: We support prayer, the Bible, and the Ten
127 Commandments being returned to our schools, courthouses, and other government buildings.

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130 The Right to Keep and Bear Arms: State and Federal Legislatures shall:

- 131 a. Repeal and/or nullify the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968.
132 b. Pass unrestricted Constitutional Carry by amending Article 1, Section 23, of the Texas
133 Constitution by removing, "but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the
134 wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime."
135 c. Nullify any gun laws that violate the 2nd Amendment or rights of due process.
136 d. Support national reciprocity for gun ownership rights.

137 The above legislation shall not be construed as impinging on private property rights.

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140 (State Sovereignty)

141 State Sovereignty: Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, the federal government
142 has impaired our right of local self-government. Therefore, federally mandated legislation that infringes
143 upon the 10th Amendment rights of Texas should be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified. Texas
144 retains the right to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to
145 pass a referendum consistent thereto.

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148 State Electoral College: The State Legislature shall cause to be enacted a State Constitutional
149 Amendment creating an electoral college consisting of electors selected by the popular votes cast

150 within each individual state senatorial district, who shall then elect all statewide office holders.

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153 Unfunded Mandates: Unfunded mandates are unacceptable. The State of Texas must fully fund at a
154 minimum the following additional costs to local governments:

- 155 a. Indigent criminal defense.
- 156 b. Inmate healthcare in jails.
- 157 c. Indigent burials and autopsies.
- 158 d. Veteran services offices.

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161 Medical Freedom: The Texas Legislature must:

- 162 a. Ban vaccine passports by all public and private entities,
- 163 b. Prevent Texas employers from hiring, promoting, or firing workers based on vaccination
164 status,
- 165 c. Prohibit mask mandates,
- 166 d. Direct the Texas Department of State Health Services to issue recommendations
167 empowering doctors with greater liberty to treat patients' medical conditions,
- 168 e. Prohibit any attempt to use a citizen's health, infection recovery, or vaccination status as a
169 condition to maintain or obtain employment or employee benefits, attend school or
170 childcare, or access state services, and
- 171 f. Reject any attempts to mandate, force, or coerce any medical test, procedure, or product,
172 including vaccines or masks, on Texans.

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175 Equal Protection for the Preborn: Enact legislation to abolish abortion by immediately securing the right
176 to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, and to
177 oppose legislation that discriminates against any preborn children and violates the US Constitution by
178 denying such persons the equal protection of the law.

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