



## **88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

### **Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities Talking Points:**

#### **1. Protect our Elections (2022 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot Agreement 95.72%)**

- To ensure transparency and security, eliminate machines and return to precinct oriented, paper ballot voting with hand counts. Close primaries.
- Withdraw from ERIC and replace with trustworthy system to clean voter rolls and assure legitimate, qualified voters only are voting.
- Restore felony penalties, enforceable by Attorney General, for election code violations. Reduce early voting and eliminate the 3-day gap between early voting and election day.

#### **2. Secure our Border and Protect Texans (2022 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot 92.25%)**

- Governor to declare an invasion under Article 1, Sect. 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution and PROTECT Texans from the invasion.
- Deny all taxpayer funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens.
- Direct governor to enter an Interstate Compact for Border Security.

#### **3. Ban Gender Modification of Children (2022 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot 92.55%)**

- Child “sex change” is medical and psychological abuse and there are no long-term studies suggesting otherwise. Basic biological human identity as male or female is destroyed.
- Children are being sterilized and lose ability for normal sexual functioning.
- Obscene profits are being made by providers and pharmaceutical companies at the expense of innocent lives, beginning with psychosocial “transition” and continuing through surgeries to remove healthy body parts.

#### **4. Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids**

- Pornographic and sexually explicit books are in Texas libraries and schools.
- Repeal the obscenity exemption TX Penal Code § 43.24 and pass mandatory library standards that prohibit sexually explicit and inappropriate library materials in Texas public schools.
- The state has a compelling interest to act in protecting Texas children from sexualization in their schools and communities, utilizing criminal, civil, or other enforcement mechanisms.

**5. Ban Democrat Chairs (2022 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot Agreement 81.24%)**

- Texas voters chose Republicans to lead the Texas Legislature, not Democrats. No other state appoints Democrat chairs when Republicans are majority party.
- Democrat chairs fundraise off their chairmanships and use that money to defeat Republicans.
- There are 8 current Democrat members of the LGBT caucus who are committee chairs, and they will not advance our bills to protect children from sexual orientation and gender identity ideology.

**6. Abolish Abortion in Texas (2022 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot 83.25%)**

- The gains obtained by the Trigger and Heartbeat Acts and the unborn lives saved as a result from last session are under severe attack by the left.
- Consolidate our gains and defenses by legislation protecting rights of conscience and banning over-the-counter dispensing of abortion pills.
- Extend equal protection to all humans, beginning from the moment of fertilization, and adopt effective tools for enforcement when district attorneys fail to protect.

**7. Defend Our Gun Rights (2020 March Texas Republican Primary Ballot 85.38%)**

- Protect gains made last session against threats such as red-flag laws to weaken our second amendment rights.
- Defend our second amendment rights, which are inalienable rights, from federal restrictions.
- Eliminate gun-free zones to protect our citizens, including public school children.

**8. Parental Rights and Educational Freedom (2022 March Republican Primary Ballot 91.1%, 87.78%)**

- Parents have inalienable, pre-political rights as the primary decision makers for their children in all matters.
- Schooling is choice of parent, and money follows the child with NO GOVERNMENT STRINGS attached (like reimbursement for approved curriculum, or approved school lists or supplies), with enforcement and penalties when parents' rights are violated.
- The right to education is free of all social theories, including gender and critical race theory.