



**Resolution Opposing the Election of RPT Officers and Executive Committee Members
through the Republican Party Primary**

WHEREAS, on or about May 29, 2021, the Texas Legislature's Conference Committee on HB1987 (Vasut – Angleton) added provisions which would require that any Texas political party that has won six of ten Gubernatorial Elections elect their Party Chairman and all State Party Executive Committee District members through statewide or local primary elections; and

WHEREAS, these provisions would apply to only the Republican Party of Texas for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the provisions would open the election of Chairman and all Executive Committee members to the disproportionate influence of special interest money donations, create expensive campaigns that would prevent grassroots activists from seeking these volunteer leadership positions, and would undermine the ability of grassroots activists to have the appropriate influence on the direction of THEIR State Party; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 United States Senate Election in Texas, the Democrat challenger Robert Francis O'Rourke raised over \$80 million to Republican incumbent Ted Cruz raising \$20 million, a 4 – 1 edge attempt to buy the election; and

WHEREAS, the Chairmanship of the Texas Republican Party, the largest state Republican Party, is an attractive target of those hoping to undermine the political objectives of our State Convention delegates; and

WHEREAS, these amendments were made behind closed doors in the middle of the night, without any transparency or ability for the people of Texas to let their voices be heard on the issue; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas condemns any efforts to move the elections of our private organization's officers and board members to local and statewide primary elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas condemns the practice of having closed-door Legislative Committee meetings in which matters that affect all Texans are discussed, and we demand full transparency in all legislative matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any law that affects the operational aspects of political parties in Texas should apply equally to both the Republican and Democrat parties, both of which select their candidates through a primary process; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas supports legislative rules that would prohibit substantial changes to legislation without a public hearing.