

Read the Bills Act

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that before the final passage of any bill into federal law, there must be a full verbatim reading of the final text of that bill and all amendments to each house of Congress called to order with a quorum physically assembled throughout that reading; that the full verbatim final text of that bill and all amendments shall be printed in the journal of each house of Congress and posted for at least 7 days before debate and final passage by each house on the official Internet website of that house; that prior to final passage by each house of Congress, that house shall attest in its journal that these requirements have been met, including a written record of its members physically present during the verbatim reading of the full final bill and all amendments; that no members of either house may vote in favor of such a bill without first having filed a signed and sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, either that he was attentively present during the full time of that reading or that he has personally and attentively read such a bill and all its amendments in their entirety; and that no federal law shall be enforceable whose passage did not fully comply with these stipulations.

Congressional Sound-Money Recovery Act of 2010

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that Federal Reserve System mismanagement of monetary policy since 1913 has been the root cause of boom-and-bust cycles, mal-investment, currency debasement, and irresponsible behavior by banks; and that the proper constitutional remedies are full and direct Congressional oversight of monetary policy, circulation of privately-issued commodity-based monies as legal tender alongside and in competition with federal currency to either restrain its emissions or to drive it from the market, and mandatory federal spending cuts to match tax cuts and balance the federal budget.

One-Subject-at-a-Time Act of 2010

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the inclusion of provisions in a federal act or bill unrelated to the title of that act or bill, and/or the amendment in one act or bill of a clause or provision in another federal law that merely cites the location of that clause or provision without fully quoting the text of it and showing how the amendment would modify it, is disorderly, confusing, obscurantist, evasive, and deceptive; and that all laws enacted through such malpractices shall be null, void, and unenforceable.

Definition of Marriage

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that federal courts have repeatedly trampled states' constitutional rights under the 10th Amendment; that the U.S. Constitution is silent on matters regarding marriage; that the power to define marriage is therefore reserved to each state; that Article 1, Section 32 of the Texas Constitution defines marriage as: "(a) marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman;" that a clear and present danger exists of federal courts' abridging states' 10th Amendment right to the sole definition of marriage within their borders; and that if and only if federal courts so usurp such authority, the U.S. Constitution must be amended to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman only.

Censure by the SREC

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the bylaws of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) be amended to empower any SREC member to introduce a motion, effective upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of all SREC members, officially censuring in behalf of the Texas Republican Party acts or statements by any Texas Republican Party candidate or elected Party or state office holder that violate party rules and/or planks in the Party platform.

States' Rights Under the Constitution

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that Texas reserves to itself sovereignty under the 10th Amendment over all powers not enumerated by the U.S. Constitution to the federal government; and demands that the federal government cease and desist from illegal acts, which are all those beyond the scope of its constitutionally-delegated powers, strictly construed.

Texas Sovereignty

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Republican Party of Texas adopt a rule requiring candidates to sign this pledge in its "Application for Place on the Primary Ballot" as a condition for placement on that ballot:

"I solemnly swear or affirm on my honor that I will support or do no harm to Texas' state sovereignty, reserved under the 10th Amendment, under which Texas retains its freedom, independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right not expressly delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution; and that I will oppose federal claims to powers above and beyond the strict construction of its constitutional authority."

Second Amendment Rights

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that we strongly support the "INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM – Right To Keep And Bear Arms" plank in the 2008 Texas Republican Party platform and urge its verbatim retention in toto in the 2010 platform, to wit:

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

Right To Keep and Bear Arms – We urge the Legislature and Congress to repeal all laws that infringe on the right to bear arms, and to reject any monitoring of gun ownership, and all excessive taxation or regulation of guns and ammunition. We support a ten-year minimum mandatory sentence without parole for felonies committed with firearms. Stiff penalties should be enacted for frivolous lawsuits against legitimate firearms manufacturers. All gun owners are responsible for safely storing and operating firearms. We believe the Legislature should enact legislation: allowing: Concealed Handgun License holders to carry concealed weapons on publicly owned institutions of learning; and, preventing employers from prohibiting Concealed Handgun License holders from storing their concealed handgun in their vehicle while on a company parking area, and removing civil liability from property owners who do not prevent Concealed Handgun License holders from carrying on their premises. We believe that FFL holders should be free from harassment, and license revocations and denials against firearm dealers based on violations consisting of largely inconsequential recordkeeping errors and encourage the ATF to consider lesser gradation of sanctions for such errors.

Sanctity of Human Life

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that we strongly support the "PROTECTING INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE" plank in the 2008 Texas Republican Party platform and urge its verbatim retention in toto in the 2010 platform, to wit:

PROTECTING INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE

Party Candidates and the Platform on Protecting Innocent Human Life – We implore our Party to support, financially or with in-kind contributions, only those candidates who support protecting innocent human life. Further, we strongly encourage the State Republican Executive Committee to hear and recognize the longstanding and overwhelmingly consistent voice of the grass roots and revise its by-laws to make this action binding on our Party.

Partial Birth Abortion – We oppose partial birth abortion. We recommend that Congress eliminate from all federal court jurisdictions all cases involving challenges to banning Partial Birth Abortion.

Right To Life – All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We affirm our support for a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution and to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protection applies to unborn children. We support the Life at Conception Act. We oppose the use of public revenues and/or facilities for abortion or abortion-related services. We support the elimination of public funding for organizations that advocate or support abortion. We are resolute regarding the reversal of Roe v. Wade. We affirm our support for the appointment and election of judges at all levels of the judiciary who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We insist that the U.S. Department of Justice needs to prosecute hospitals or abortion clinics for committing induced labor (live birth) abortion. We are opposed to genocide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. We oppose legislation allowing the withholding of nutrition and hydration to the terminally ill or handicapped. Until our final goal of total Constitutional rights for the unborn child is achieved, we beseech the Texas Legislature in consideration of our state's rights, to enact laws that restrict and regulate abortion including:

1. parental and informed consent;
2. prohibition of abortion for gender selection;
3. prohibition of abortion due to the results of genetic diagnosis
4. licensing, liability, and malpractice insurance for abortionists and abortion facilities;
5. prohibition of financial kickbacks for abortion referrals;
6. prohibition of partial birth and late term abortions; and
7. enactment of any other laws which will advance the right to life for unborn children.

Choose Life – We ask the Legislature to provide Texans opportunity to purchase "Choose Life" license plates.

Parental Consent – We call on the Legislature to require parental consent for any form of medical care to minors. We urge electoral defeat of judges who through judicial activism seek to nullify the Parental Consent Law by granting bypasses to minor girls seeking abortions. We support the addition of a legislative requirement for the reporting of judicial bypasses to parental consent on an annual basis to the Department of State Health Services and such reports shall be made available to the public. Further, we encourage the Congress to remove confidentiality mandates for minors from family planning service programs operating under Title X of the Public Health Services Act and Medicaid.

Protection of Women's Health – Because of the personal and social pain caused by abortions, we call for the protection of both women and their unborn children from pressure for unwanted abortions. We commend the Texas Legislature for the passage of the Woman's Right to Know Act, a law requiring abortion providers, prior to an abortion, to provide women full knowledge of the physical and psychological risks of abortion, the characteristics of the unborn child, and abortion alternatives. We urge the state government and the Department of State Health Services to ensure that all abortion providers are in compliance with this informed consent law and to ensure that all pregnancy centers and other entities assisting women in crisis pregnancies have equal access to the informational brochures created by the Department of State Health Services.

Alternatives to Abortion – We urge the Department of State Health Services to provide adequate quantities of The Woman's Right to Know Resource Directory to anyone that works with pregnant women.

RU 486 – We urge the FDA to rescind approval of the physically dangerous RU-486 and oppose limiting the manufacturers' and distributors' liability.

Morning After Pill – We oppose sale and use of the dangerous "Morning After Pill."

Gestational Contracts – We believe rental of a woman's womb makes child bearing a mere commodity to the highest bidder and petition the Legislature to rescind House Bill 724 of the 78th Legislature. We support the adoption of human embryos and the banning of human embryo trafficking.

Unborn Child Pain Protection – We support legislation that requires doctors, at first opportunity, to provide to a woman who is pregnant, information about the nervous system development of her unborn child and to provide pain relief for her unborn if she orders an abortion.

Unborn Victims of Violence Legislation – We urge the State to ensure that the Prenatal Protection Law is interpreted accurately and consider the unborn child as an equal victim in any crime, including domestic violence.

Abortion Clinics – We propose legislation that holds abortion clinics to the same health regulations as other medical facilities and that subjects clinics to the same malpractice liabilities. We oppose any public funding for Planned Parenthood or other organizations/facilities that provide, advocate or promote abortions.

Abortion Requirements for Hospitals – We propose legislation that entitles hospitals to refuse to perform abortions because government has no moral authority to require such an abortion.

Conscience Clause – We believe that doctors, nurses, pharmacists, any employees of hospitals and insurance companies, health care organizations, medical and scientific research students, and any employee should be protected by Texas law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs, including but not limited to abortion, the prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. We call on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to strengthen and clarify the current conscience clause in the Occupational Code to include the above-mentioned persons and practices.

Fetal Tissue Harvesting – We support legislation prohibiting experimentation with human fetal tissue and prohibiting the use of human fetal tissue or organs for experimentation or commercial sale. Until such time that fetal tissue harvesting is illegal, any product containing fetal tissue shall be so labeled.

Stem Cell Research – We oppose any legislation that would allow for the creation and/or killing of human embryos for medical research. We encourage stem cell research using cells from umbilical cords, from adults, and from any other means which does not kill human embryos. We oppose any state funding of research that destroys/kills human embryos. We encourage the adoption of existing embryos. We call for legislation to withhold state and/or federal funding from institutions that engage in scientific research involving the killing of human embryos or human cloning.

Human Cloning – Each human life, whether created naturally or through an artificial process, deserves protection. We confirm that somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) is the process by which a human being is cloned, and that SCNT creates a unique human being with the same properties of a human embryo created through the union of sperm and egg. We seek a ban on human cloning for reproductive purposes (where a cloned human embryo, created through SCNT, is implanted in a womb and the human clone is birthed). We also seek a ban on research cloning (where a cloned human embryo, created through SCNT, is created, grown in the laboratory, and then destroyed when its stem cells are extracted for research purposes). Furthermore, criminal penalties should be created and experimenters prosecuted who participate in the cloning of human beings. No government or state funding should be provided for any human cloning.

Patient Protection – We support patients' rights by calling on the state legislature to amend the Advance Directive Act to establish due process of law and ensure that a physician's decision to deny life saving treatment against the patient's will or advance directive is not due to economic or racial discrimination or discrimination based on disability. We also support the passage of legislation to amend the Advance Directive Act by requiring hospitals intending or threatening to withdraw life-sustaining treatment against the patient's wishes or their advance directive to continue all treatment and care for such patients pending transfer to another facility.

Gene Manufacturing – We support a ban on research that alters human DNA in living human beings at any stage of life, including the altering of artificial, manufactured, and natural genes and chromosomes.

Life

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Republican Party of Texas adopt a rule requiring candidates to sign this pledge in its "Application for Place on the Primary Ballot" as a condition for placement on that ballot:

"I solemnly swear or affirm on my honor that I will support or do no harm to pro-life legislation by the state of Texas, and that I will oppose federal intrusions upon Texas' authority to self-determine all legal issues relating to human life."

Home School Rights

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that we strongly support the "EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN – Private Education" plank in the 2008 Texas Republican Party platform and urge its verbatim retention in toto in the 2010 platform, to wit:

Private Education – Parents have the fundamental right and responsibility for educating their children, and the state should not have power to force any parent or guardian to send their children to public school. Parents or guardians may choose to educate their children in private school without government interference of any kind. Home education is legally recognized as private education. We urge the Legislature to require cities and counties to exempt private school students from daytime curfew ordinances. We urge the Legislature to require University Interscholastic League (UIL) to open participation to private schools.

Term Limits

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that elected state officials – not including state judges, U.S. Congressmen, or U.S. Senators – shall be limited by state law to the greater of two full terms or ten (10) years maximum continuous service in that office.

Property Rights

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Republican Party of Texas adopt a rule requiring candidates to sign this pledge in its "Application for Place on the Primary Ballot" as a condition for placement on that ballot:

"I solemnly swear or affirm on my honor that I will support and respect private property rights in Texas by working to eliminate property taxes and strengthening protections against eminent domain seizures under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 *Kelo* decision."

Right-to-Work

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Gregg County Republican Party opposes all efforts to adopt the so-called "Employee Free Choice Act" and/or any similar measures which would remove the secret ballot from the labor union organizing process or force mandatory arbitration to impose union contracts.

Candidates' Stance on the Party Platform

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Republican Party of Texas adopt a rule requiring each non-judicial candidate for public office to disclose, in their "Application for Place on the Primary Ballot," as a condition for placement on that ballot, their support, opposition, or undecided position on each plank of the Party platform.

Planned Parenthood

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that all federal, state, and local officials and other community leaders shall oppose any public funding for Planned Parenthood, its activities in our schools and communities, and the location and/or expansion of its facilities in our neighborhoods.

Fiscal Restraint

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that every governmental entity in Texas should be required by law to limit all annual budgetary and spending increases to the combined increase of population plus inflation, unless it obtains prior voter approval to exceed this amount.

Special-Interest Lobbying by Texas Governmental Entities

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Texas legislature shall prohibit the use of tax dollars by local government organizations or state agencies to hire lobbyists or to defray the cost of lobbying on behalf of their institutional benefit at public expense.

Taxation by Consent

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that Congress' power to determine fiscal policy involving taxing and spending cannot constitutionally be delegated to any commission of unelected appointees, the possibility of which is now under discussion.

Private Property Taxation

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that no new tax levy to cover a Texas state budget shortfall should raise local property taxes; that any new real estate transaction tax would unduly burden Texas home ownership; and that no new real estate transaction tax should offset any reduction in school property taxes.

Verifiable Voting

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that a voting system whose audit trail is unverifiable is as vulnerable to errors or tampering as a system without any audit trail; and that the Texas legislature should prohibit the use of any voting device not certified by reputable independent testing or which does not include a verifiable physical audit trail.

Paper Ballot Option

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that to ensure fair and reliable tallies, each Texas entity that conducts elections should have the local option of using paper ballots.

Prior Popular Consent to "Czars"

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Constitution requires Senate approval of all presidentially-appointed "czars" before they can serve in a federal capacity, nor shall any sit who have not been so vetted.

Open Government

Resolved, by the Gregg County Republican Party in convention assembled, that the Texas legislature should vigorously support the freedom of information and transparency in government.