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## **Rule No. 44 - Censure Process and Penalties**

A County or Senatorial District Convention or a County or District Executive Committee may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting adopt a resolution censuring a Republican public or party office holder representing all or a portion of that County or District for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A.

Such a resolution may include a request to the State Convention or SREC that the named office holder be penalized. If such a request is included, the delegates of the State Convention by majority vote, or the State Republican Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership, may vote to concur with the resolution of censure and declare that no Rule or Bylaw enacted by any division of the Party at any level that demands the Party be neutral in intraparty contests shall be observed with respect to the named candidate, and no financial or other support shall be provided to their campaign by the Party except that which is required by law.

Any such penalty shall expire at the beginning of the State Convention following its adoption.

## **RULE No. 43 – Candidate Platform Review**

Each candidate running as a Republican for any public office on any ballot in the State of Texas shall be provided a copy of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas. The Republican Party of Texas shall make an electronic copy of the Platform available to each candidate upon request. The County or State Chairman shall distribute a copy of the Platform to each candidate along with all other candidate application papers. Each candidate, except a candidate for judicial office, may indicate for each bullet point item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Platform, whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided, as to each item, with comments if desired. The County or State Chairman shall also request that each non-judicial candidate read the entire Platform and choose at least ten (10) line items from the Platform that the candidate strongly supports. The SREC shall also have the newest Platform available to the candidates within two (2) months after its adoption by the State Convention. All candidates for non-judicial offices should file the completed Platform Review containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office. Candidates' responses shall be collected and recorded by the Republican Party of Texas and published on the Party's website prior to the primary. A copy of the candidates' responses filed with a County Chairman shall be forwarded to the State Chairman within ten (10) days of receipt. At the discretion of the Officials Committee of the SREC, a candidate's response may be excluded from or edited prior to posting to the website of the Republican Party of Texas.

## **RULE No. 43A**

The Platform Committee of the biennial State Convention shall prepare a list of no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) principles included in the Preamble of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas which clearly defines the Party's values, with the knowledge and purpose that they be used to identify candidate values as stated in Rule No. 43. A candidate must return the candidate's completed Platform Review and the completed Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) funding application to be eligible to receive funds from the CRC of the SREC

## **PRINCIPLES**

We, the 2016 Republican Party of Texas, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgement and action. We believe in:

1. “The laws of nature and nature’s God” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
2. The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death.
3. Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom.
4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.
5. Personal accountability and responsibility.
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
7. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
8. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
9. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
10. Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.