



2020-21 Legislative Priorities passed by delegates to the 2020 Republican Party of Texas State Convention

Delegates represented grassroots Republicans from 31 State Senate Districts; were chosen by Republican grassroots activists at the precinct and county level. **It is a bottom-up process designed to ensure that local values are represented.**

The Republican Party of Texas urged State Senate & House GOP Caucuses to adopt these legislative priorities as their own to pass during the 87th legislative session. **They did not adopt these nor did Abbott/Patrick/Phelan.**

Election Integrity: Require citizenship verification of each voter and felony penalties for Election Code violations that threaten election integrity. **94.82% 2018 GOP Primary voters & 98.46% 2020 GOP Primary voters' support. 2020 Lone Star Agenda Legislative Action Item.** Lowered voter fraud criminal penalties from 2nd degree felony to Class A Misdemeanor. See pg 9 of this resource book for other parts of election integrity passed/not passed.

Religious Freedom: Restore rights of individuals, organizations, and businesses to exercise sincerely held religious beliefs by prohibiting local ordinances/state laws, or executive orders that violate those rights. **No Specific Primary Vote on this issue. † 88.62% of 2020 GOP Primary voters support prayer in public schools. 2020 Lone Star Agenda Legislative Action Item.** Passed 3rd Special Session bill for K-12 protecting female sports from males posing as females; UIL-managed. **No protection for college sports!**

Children and Gender Modification: Ban for minors: intervention to prevent natural progression of puberty; administration of opposite sex hormones; performance of any type of gender reassignment surgery. **94.65% 2020 GOP Primary voters' support. Failed 87th /Not Abbott Special Session priority**

Abolition of Abortion: Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life & equal protection under the law to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization. **68.19% 2018 GOP Primary voters' support. This is also a 2020 Lone Star Agenda Action Item. Heartbeat bill signed by Abbott. Not an Abbott priority.**

Constitutional Carry (Permit-less carry): Restore legal Texas firearms owners' rights to carry them openly or concealed without a permit, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes. **85.38% 2020 GOP Primary voters reject restrictions on right to keep & bear arms. This is also a 2020 Lone Star Agenda Action Item. Schaefer bill HB 1927 passed. Signed into law.**

Monument Protection: All monuments or markers in our state shall be protected by law from being removed, defaced, destroyed, or otherwise dishonored. In particular, specific protection shall be given to the Alamo Cenotaph which shall not be removed from its current location off the Alamo Battlefield footprint. **97.82% 2020 GOP Primary voters' support. Also 2020 Lone Star Agenda Action Item. NONE**

School Choice for All: Empower parents and guardians to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children's education using tax credits or exemptions without government restraint or intrusion. **78.67% 2018 GOP Primary voters' support. NONE**

Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying: Abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying. **94.3% 2020 GOP Primary voters' support. This is also a 2020 Lone Star Agenda Action Item. NONE**

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Additional legislative priority came from Republican Party of Texas Chair LTC Allen West's Committee on Executive Overreach; addresses unconstitutional executive "emergency" authority taken during COVID-19. "Reverse the abuse of the executive power (Governor) and restore the rightful limitations on government authority prescribed in the US Constitution and in the Texas Constitution. **NONE**