

A Resolution eliminating the requirement that lawyers in Texas still have to join a labor union (the Texas Bar) to get to earn a living:

WHEREAS, union membership is not mandatory as a prerequisite for getting to work for a living, as the U.S. Supreme Court's case of *Janus v. AFSCME* (2018) helps make clear; and

WHEREAS, plank #40 of the Texas Republican platform of 2022 says:

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40. PRACTICE OF LAW: We oppose mandatory state bar membership for Texas lawyers. We favor restricting those who may file grievances in the legal disciplinary process of Texas to those who have standing. Further, we support sanctions for those who weaponize and politicize the legal disciplinary process of Texas.

(SOURCE: <https://texasgop.org/platform>)

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and

WHEREAS, the "standing" requirement section of plank #40 was subsequently enacted into law during 2023 in HB 5010, which is available from here:

<https://www.texasbarsunset.com/grievance-reform-endeavors>

although the rest was not; and

WHEREAS, the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled essentially that the State Bar of Texas impermissibly uses coercively extracted dues money and subsidies to engage in impermissible political and social activities that are not germane to its mission or permitted by applicable laws, in the 2021 case of: *McDonald v. Longley* 4 F 4th 229 (5th Cir. 2021); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Bar continues trying to disbar attorneys such as Ken Paxton & Sidney Powell (etc.) using conveniently vague ethics rules that that bar selectively enforces with political and self-enriching motives; and

WHEREAS, attempts to reform that bar's weaponized grievance system was improperly thwarted anti-democratically by bar insiders, as a video located at the top here exposes: <http://www.TexasBarSunset.com/reforms> ;

WHEREAS over 80% of Texas' state bar membership consistently abstains from voting in that bar's annual, internet-enabled elections: <http://www.TexasBarSunset.com/voter-abstention> ; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas that what remains to be enacted of plank #40 be included in a plank in the upcoming Texas Republican party platform.