



Republican Party of Texas

State Republican Executive Committee Directive

Passed by the SREC on September 23, 2017

This form is not required by state law to file for a place on the ballot.

WHEREAS the primary function of the Republican Party of Texas is to elect candidates that embrace the principles articulated by the Republican Party of Texas Platform; and

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas Platform, adopted by the delegates to the 2016 Republican State Convention, calls “for the Republican members to caucus after each November general election to determine by secure secret ballot, their candidate for Speaker. We also call for the Republican members to vote as a unified body for their selected speaker candidate when the legislature convenes in regular session”; and

WHEREAS in the November 2016 General Election for seats in the Texas House of Representatives, over 4.7 million Texans voted for Republican candidates and fewer than 2.8 million voted for Democrat candidates; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable for the 4,711,481 conservative Texans who voted for Republicans for the Texas House to expect their elected representatives to abide by the party platform in deciding who will be the Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS a Republican Speaker of the House should first win the confidence of a majority of his or her fellow Republicans; and

WHEREAS the appropriate venue for House Republicans to their choice for Speaker is a meeting of the Republican Caucus in the Texas House to be held before the Legislature convenes for the next Regular Session; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas expects Republican House candidates in 2018 to indicate to Republican Primary voters whether they will support the Republican Speaker candidate who wins the majority of the votes in the Republican Caucus; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered by the Republican Party of Texas to every candidate for the Texas House of Representatives who files for a position on the ballot as candidates in the 2018 Republican Primary.

Please indicate whether you commit to supporting the Republican speaker candidate who wins the majority of the votes in the Republican Caucus:

Agree

Disagree

Date: _____ Candidate Signature: _____

Please Return Completed Form To: Republican Party of Texas, P.O. Box 2206 Austin, TX 78768

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