

2020 Republican Party of Texas

Report of the 2020 Temporary Legislative Priorities Committee

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1 Emergency Powers

Reform emergency powers to prohibit the creation or suspension of laws, prohibit mandates (e.g. masks/vaccines), and prohibit business restrictions (e.g. forced closures) by convening the legislative body to ratify, terminate, or alter any emergency declaration within 30 days.

2 Constitutional Carry

Allow Texans who legally own firearms to carry them openly or concealed without a permit, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes.

3 Religious Freedom

Guarantee the rights of individuals, organizations and businesses, to exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs by prohibiting local ordinances, state laws, or executive orders that violate those rights.

4 Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

Abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

5 Abolition of Abortion

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children

6 Equal Parenting

Provide for equal and consistent parenting time (possession and access) for every child, when both parents are fit, willing, and able as a starting point in child custody cases.

7 Abolish the Property Tax

Abolish the property tax system and replace with a strictly consumption-based tax.

8 Sandra Bland Act

Prohibit arrests for non-jailable offenses.

9 Parental Rights

The legislature shall not infringe in any way on the rights of the parent with regard to their child(ren), including but not limited to education and any medical procedures.

10 Children and Gender

Abolish the following practices for minors: intervention to prevent natural progression of puberty; administration of opposite sex hormones; and performance of any type of gender reassignment surgery.

11 School Choice

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.

12 Electric Grid

Harden the Texas Electric Grid against cyber-attacks, physical attacks, geomagnetic storms, and electromagnetic pulses.

13 Bail Reform

Require that bail be calculated only on a person's danger to society and risk of flight, not that person's ability to pay.

14 Monument Protection

All monuments or markers in our state shall be protected by law from being removed, defaced, destroyed, or otherwise dishonored.

15 Abolish the 10 Day Rule

We call for the Texas Legislature to repeal the unethical, unconstitutional, unprecedented, and anti-Life Ten-Day Rule, and replace it with a truly Life-affirming law that requires that physicians adhere to a patient or surrogate's medical decision about Life-Sustaining Treatment and which provides for physicians who disagree with the patient's decision to transfer the patient to another physician or facility that will honor the decision to continue Life-Sustaining Treatment, guaranteeing Due Process and the Right to Life.

End of Proposed Legislative Priorities from the Temporary Committee.

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Report Lagniappe

Though not part of the top 15 priorities, the Committee also conveys five additional priorities that are important to many. As a Committee we referred to these as the "Report Lagniappe".

Election Citizenship: NOT CURRENTLY A PRIORITY: Require citizenship verification of each voter, and increased penalties for Election Code violations that threaten election integrity.

Decriminalize Delinquent Toll Fees (check wording): NOT CURRENTLY A PRIORITY: Decriminalize delinquent toll fees.

E-Verify: NOT CURRENTLY A PRIORITY: Require all employers use E-Verify.

Transparency in Medical Billing and Doctors Freedom: NOT CURRENTLY A PRIORITY: Implement price transparency reforms in healthcare and increase physician independence.

Bond Election Reform: NOT CURRENTLY A PRIORITY: Require that no bond issue is considered approved without 2/3 majority of those voting and is 20% of all registered voters in a district actually cast a ballot on the bond issue and after a fail bond shall wait 2 years to resubmit.

The **Chair** wishes to express extreme gratitude to all of the **Committee Members**, one of the most knowledgeable and experienced group of conservative grassroots activists I have ever worked with. They worked under extraordinarily difficult circumstances of 2020 and a compressed schedule to produce the product above.

Please thank them.