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Republican Party Resolutions

Republican Party Resolutions are statements of principles held by those who vote favorably for them. Even though we are all Republicans, many of us that are not familiar with the procedures to pass a resolution can find the entire process a mystery. The purpose of this article is to generally describe the process for passing a resolution. More detailed information can be located at texasgop.org.

Resolutions start at the Precinct Conventions. Anyone attending a precinct convention may submit a resolution. If the other Republicans attending the precinct convention pass the resolution, it is then forwarded to the next level of convention, either the county or senatorial convention. There is a Resolutions Committee at the county or senatorial level that will review all of the resolutions sent from the precinct conventions within their jurisdictions. This committee will meet prior to the convention and consolidate similar resolutions, accept and reject resolutions, and then will make a report to the full county or senatorial convention, which will debate, discuss, vote and either accept or reject the resolutions. All resolutions discussed at this convention, accepted and rejected, are then referred to the State Convention. The process will then be repeated at the State level. However, at the State level, a temporary committee will begin the review process. The Temporary Committee will hear testimony and make a report to the Permanent Resolutions Committee. The Permanent Resolutions Committee then submits the Resolutions to the general body at the State Convention. If adopted by the majority of delegates at the State Convention, the resolutions will become part of the Party Platform.

Have you all read the Party Platform? Go to [http://www.1888932-2946.ws/TexasGOP/E-ContentStrategy/userfiles/FINAL_2008_PLATFORM \(1\).pdf](http://www.1888932-2946.ws/TexasGOP/E-ContentStrategy/userfiles/FINAL_2008_PLATFORM(1).pdf)

If you are interested in being more actively involved in determining which resolutions are presented at the State Convention, volunteer to serve on the Resolutions committee. You are also welcome to observe the process and just watch the Resolutions Committee at work. You may download the entire RPT Convention week itinerary at texasgop.org.