

*2026 Republican Precinct Convention of
Precinct No. 332
Travis County, Texas*

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, events transpiring within the Texas House of Representatives during 2019—in the aftermath of the 86th Texas Legislature’s Regular Session—clearly demonstrated a need for members of the Texas House of Representatives to have the ability to address matters of internal turmoil brewing within that legislative body during the legislative interim period between one Regular Session and the next Regular Session, without requiring action by the Governor of Texas, and without the need for the Texas Senate to likewise be in session; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, then-House Speaker Dennis Bonnen was embroiled in controversy rising to a level which would have properly warranted his resignation—or his forced removal—from not only the office of Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives but indeed from even membership at all in the Texas House; and

WHEREAS, Bonnen refused to resign—but instead merely declined to seek re-election to the Texas House of Representatives during the 2020 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, there was no mechanism in place at the time to remove Bonnen from office involuntarily—during the legislative interim between Regular Sessions—nor does any such mechanism exist currently; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution (as last amended on November 2, 1999) already recognizes the need for State Senators to re-assemble at the State Capitol—during the legislative interim—for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, Texas State Senators availed themselves of Article III, Section 9, when they chose their colleague, the now-late Senator Bill Ratliff, to serve as acting Texas Lieutenant Governor on December 28, 2000, upon the ascendancy of then-Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry to the Governorship when then-Governor George W. Bush was declared to be President of the United States by a December 12, 2000, ruling of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, no Texas constitutional provision, similar to that pertaining to the Texas Senate, currently exists relative to the Texas House of Representatives and the events of 2019 clearly demonstrate the need for such a provision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Republican Precinct Convention of Precinct 332, Travis County, Texas, conducted on Saturday, March 7, 2026, that:

A plank be respectfully requested to be drafted and included in the 2026 Platform of the Texas

Republican Party calling upon the Texas Legislature to offer to Texas voters a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution which would allow—without action of the Governor and without the involvement of the Texas Senate—the Texas House of Representatives to convene itself, upon petition from 55 percent of the House’s elected and serving members, during the interim period between Regular Sessions, to address matters of internal turmoil unique to the Texas House of Representatives, including the selection of replacement leadership to preside over the Texas House for the remainder of the period of time before the next Regular Session commences.

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