

2020 Texas Republican Convention Texas Eagle Forum Summary

The Republican State Convention produced a very good platform. We are celebrating several new planks and the great work done to strengthen others. However, there are 3 items we hope you will help us defeat. ([Texas GOP 2020 Convention Website](#))

Short Version:

Platform:

Against 90 – Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age.

Against 255 – Cannabis Classification

Against the Minority Report in the Platform Report

Rules:

FOR - the Minority Report in the Rules Report (about rule 44)

The details!

Texas Eagle Forum hopes you will vote NO on plank 90 and 255 (as numbered in the Report of the 2020 Permanent & Resolutions Committee.)

90. Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age: Be it resolved that the Republican Party opposes all efforts to deny rights and privileges to adult citizens based solely on their age. We further state that all rights and duties of citizenship that are granted based on age, including but not limited to voting, involuntary military service, signing legal contracts, owning or possessing firearms, consenting to medical treatment, being charged as an adult with a crime, using alcohol or tobacco, getting married, and paying income taxes should be conferred when a citizen is an adult at the same age, whatever that age may be. Conferring the duties of citizenship at one age while conferring the privileges of citizenship at a different age is an unconstitutional practice in violation of the 14th Amendment

Why:

- There are good reasons that the state conveys privileges to young adults at various ages
- Serving in the military is something that has been considered to be good for a young person (and good for our nation.) Young people are taught self-discipline, structure, orderliness, responsibility, triumphing over adversity and other valuable tools for success. Learning these things while their brain is still developing should be considered a gift.
- Having your first solo checking account at 18 helps you learn to manage your money (or learn from your mistakes) – a positive outcome.
- Young adult brains continue to develop until they reach about 25 years of age. Girls brains may finish a bit earlier. Some “rights” harm developing brains and the outcome can affect our whole society.
- Alcohol addiction rates are higher among those who begin drinking younger. Every year a person waits to drink greatly improves their likelihood of becoming a responsible drinker if they chose to use alcohol.

- Marijuana is not currently legal in Texas and we hope to keep it that way. If it ever became legal here, we would certainly not want it used at age 18. Younger users have increased incidents of psychosis and other mental illness. Their education outcomes decline. There are many negative side effects.
- This new plank includes the language “whatever that age may be” while those supporting this know that means age 18 in Texas. Seems disingenuous which is always disconcerting.

This (and 255) is very likely a lead-in to legalizing marijuana. Pot is the new and more dangerous “big tobacco.” States that have legalized it find the costs are much higher than any revenue they collect in taxes.

We are also recommending a NO vote on what is numbered 255 in the Platform Report:

Cannabis Classification: Congress should remove cannabis from the list of Schedule 1 and move to Schedule 2. We call upon the Texas Legislature to improve the 2015 Compassionate Use Act to allow doctors to determine the appropriate use of cannabis for their patients.

There are 3 or 4 very specific use medicines created from the marijuana plant. These have been studied and tested. They are created without the mold, fungus or heavy metals that can be found in non-pharmaceutical products – that are not proper medicine in any way. Proponents will claim that it should be classified as schedule 2 so we can make medicine from it – but we already do while it is classified as a scheduled 1 drug. The second section is an unveiled step-one toward legalization and the resulting homelessness, increased THC-involved roadway deaths (2-3 times more,) addiction and mental illness.

Minority Report of the PLATFORM Committee: We recommend voting NO on the Platform’s Minority Report.

- ~~Plank 65~~: New and now deleted, did read: Article V Convention of States: We support the rescission of the State of Texas application to Congress for a convention under article V for purposing amendments to change the current limits on federal spending, jurisdiction, and terms of office. Our Constitution is the firewall guarding our unalienable rights – but it is a document, not self-enforcing. We petition our elected officials at all levels to support, enforce, and give effect to the Constitution and to Interpose between The People and the federal government, as required under Article VI, and resist any efforts to enforce it via changes. This is the remedy espoused by James Madison to “runaway government.”
- WE LOVED and fought for this (above) plank but it was removed at the short, password coded, Permanent Rules Committee that met online. We cannot reinstate it at this point.
- The divide between the party of the constitution and the Left is wide. When our Founders called for a new nation, they were nearly of one mind. They sought God in their efforts. If we have a contention to discuss our Constitution, we will not be there alone. If the people of America were picking their leaders well and using our conservative and biblical based thought process, all the issues that we want fixed would likely be fixed!
- Minority Report wants to put a plank back into the platform that supports a COS/Art. 5 Convention. But who will go? Sadly not you or me. The rules of this convention would be decided on in DC. Do our top vote getters in Texas represent you well these days? Likely not. Remember that Leftists will also get to help pick our delegates.

- We are nervous about voter fraud and electronic cheating in this election. If the Left gets an amendment included to invalidate the 2nd Amendment, will they cheat to get our constitution (and lives) changed? This Art. 5 Convention will not have all conservative delegates.

I am personally concerned about some of the policing planks. They seem very reactive which is not how conservatives usually do our business. Of course we are against police brutality but where are we expressing our support for the vast majority of amazing officers who step out their door daily to protect and serve others? Are we qualified to decide who should attend a call with our officers? Or, in wanting to push mental health professionals on them in certain circumstance, are we just cluttering a dangerous situation with extra people for our police to be concerned about? Please join me in 2022 to make these planks honor the service of our finest while letting Texas citizens know we are certainly against brutality anywhere we see it.

We will try to be available to answer any pressing question or fill you in on what we know about the issue. Email us at TEF@TexasEagleForum.com

Thank you for being in the trenches with us and enjoy reading this fine document, put together by your fellow grassroots activists!

Blessings,

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LINKS:

The 2020 Texas State Republican Convention will be held July 16 – 18. **Reports of the Permanent Platform & Resolutions and Rules Committees**

[Report of the Permanent Platform & Resolutions Committee \(Minority Report at end of document on page 35\)](#)

- [Statements on the Majority and Minority Reports of the Permanent Platform Committee](#)

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