

Election Process Resolutions*

1. Chain of Custody

Whereas election records must be secure and protected at all times from any form of tampering and any lack of security erodes the public trust in the validity of elections;

Whereas Texas counties are inconsistent in chain of custody practices;

Be it Resolved that an addition should be made to RPT Platform Plank 242 stating, “Requiring that all election records be secured with a two person control chain of custody, including uniquely numbered, logged seals. All printed records must have timestamps.”

2. Paper Poll Lists

Whereas paper poll lists, completed by the election judges or clerks as voters are checked in to vote, are currently not required when electronic poll books are in use;

Whereas these lists are in fact a necessary paper backup for the electronic poll books, assisting in maintaining a proper check on the total of votes vs. voters;

Whereas some Texas counties still successfully utilize paper polls lists alongside electronic poll books;

Be it Resolved that an addition should be made to RPT Platform Plank 242 stating, “Every voting location must maintain a paper poll list, Section 63.003d must be removed from the Election Code.”

3. Precinct Based Polling

Whereas countywide polling makes elections more difficult to audit;

Whereas wireless networks can be unreliable at polling locations, causing electronic poll books to lag, and allowing for voters to cast a vote in multiple locations;

Whereas countywide polling increases the chances of voters being issued an incorrect ballot style;

Be it Resolved that an addition should be made to RPT Platform Plank 242 stating, “Requiring precinct based polling, eliminating countywide polling.”

4. Ban Preferential Voting Systems

Whereas preferential voting systems such as Ranked Choice Voting are confusing for voters, create longer ballots, increase wait times for voting, and disenfranchise voters;

Whereas preferential voting systems rely heavily on computer software that has failed to produce correct results on multiple occasions;

Be it Resolved that an addition should be made to RPT Platform Plank 242 stating, “Banning all preferential voting systems, such as ranked choice voting.”

* Resolutions are grouped according to topic, but each is meant to be able to stand alone. The question may be divided if one will pass without the others.