

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS RESOLUTION
REINING IN SPECIAL INTERESTS TO PASS SCHOOL BONDS AND GET PRO-BOND
TRUSTEES ELECTED**

Amend plank 202 as follows (underlined):

State Governance

202. Campaign Contribution Limits: We urge immediate repeal of all limits on campaign contributions by American citizens to the candidates or causes of their choice. However, the State of Texas should pass legislation for non-federal elections which bans campaign contributions and expenditures that originate from outside the State of Texas, including those by individuals, organizations, and political action committees, and including those on any questions, propositions, and amendments on any ballots. We must pass legislation to limit or expose PAC and donor dollars into school board and school bond elections from outside the school district. The state should fund either database of donors to school bond, VATRE and trustee elections or a research project to weigh campaign contributions against awarded projects and education foundation donations so that the data can be analyzed for future legislation.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.

Rationale:

- When you examine campaign finance reports of bond PACs and school board trustee campaigns of individuals who will vote in favor of calling for bond elections regardless of the tax burden, you see similar donors. Special Interests. Bond beneficiaries and others who benefit from the taxpayer dollars spent in education.
- The local voice is drowned out by these special interests and securing school board seats of individuals who pass on a tax burden to their own people.
- Most of this is not very transparent in the campaign filings.
- Sunshine is the best disinfectant