

Resolution to AMEND Plank 76 of the Republican Party Platform
ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES RELATED TO SCHOOL BONDS

Category: SCHOOL FINANCE AND PROPERTY TAXATION

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76. Property Tax Relief: We support these incremental steps toward the ultimate abolition of property tax:

x) Impose a two-year moratorium against former school district administrators, or their first-degree relatives, from lobbying, working for, consulting with, or receiving compensation from any entity that benefits from school bond elections passed during their tenure.

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:

- Superintendents and other administrators can resign or retire and carry with them close connections to employees and inside knowledge about upcoming projects, contracts and employees that can help a firm write bids to obtain bond projects;
- Superintendents who spend tax payer dollars to "educate voters on a bond election" (aka push the bond) and immediately quit have implicitly misled the voters who may have relied on his or her assurances when casting a vote;
- "No lobbying" is a common-sense anti-corruption practice we see at the national level; Lobbying in education has driven up the costs of public education/taxes.
- We have to end personal profit-incentives to pass huge, excessive bonds.