



Resolution Regarding Potentially Faithless Presidential Electors

WHEREAS, multiple media sources (including the Washington Post on September 13, 2012) have reported that several Republican Presidential Elector candidates may be faithless and not cast electoral votes for the Republican Party nominees for President or Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, all Republican Presidential Elector candidates from Texas sign an affidavit pledging to vote for the Republican Party's nominee for President and Vice-President at the meeting of Presidential Electors held on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in Presidential Election years; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Platform includes a plank states, "We strongly support the Electoral College;" and

WHEREAS, a movement exists called the National Popular Vote Compact that would in effect replace the Electoral College by guaranteeing the candidate receiving the greater national popular votes also receives the greater electoral votes and that movement has half the number of electoral votes committed to the compact to enact this scheme; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee finds the promise made by Republican Presidential Elector candidates uncompromisable and non-negotiable and holds those Presidential Elector candidates that made that promise personally responsible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee believes that a Presidential Elector Candidate that states that he or she will or may not vote for the Republican Party nominee for President or Vice-President is violating the trust of millions of Texas voters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee is concerned that faithless electors or even threats of faithless electors will give impetus to the National Popular Vote Compact;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee urges the Texas Legislature to adopt the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act or similar legislation to ensure electors fulfill their duty to represent the will of Texas voters in the Electoral College;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas to all Republican members of the Texas Legislature.

Passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on December 1, 2012