

#### **Rule No. 44 - Censure Process and Penalties**

A County or Senatorial District Convention or a County or District Executive Committee may, after notice and invitation to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before a County or Senatorial Convention or a County or District Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, but in no case by less than a majority of the CEC in full, adopt a resolution censuring a Republican public or party office holder representing all or a portion of that County or District for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A. Such a resolution may include a request, to the SREC or any State Convention held prior to start of the filing period of a Republican Primary Election while these rules are in effect, that the named officeholder be penalized. If such a request is included, after notice and invitation to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before the SREC or the State Convention in conformity with the request, the delegates of the State Convention by majority vote in the case of (a) below, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the case of (b) below, or the State Republican Executive Committee by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the full membership, may vote to concur with the resolution of censure and impose one or both of the following penalties:

a. declare that no Rule or Bylaw enacted by any division of the Party at any level that demands the Party be neutral in intraparty contests shall be observed with respect to the named officeholder, and no financial or other support shall be provided to their campaign by the Party except that which is required by law.

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b. declare that the named officeholder is discouraged from participating in the Republican Party Primary following the censure passage. In the event the officeholder files an application to run for any public or party office in the Republican Party primary following the censure resolution's passage, the SREC shall be authorized to spend up to 12% of the Party's general fund on voter education in the officeholder's district, by republishing the original censure resolution verbatim, using a media format determined by the SREC. Any above penalty imposed shall expire at the beginning of the State Convention following its adoption.