Resolution calling for prompt prosecution of election misconduct

WHEREAS Election integrity is a core priority, enshrined in the platform of the Republican Party of Texas and its legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS the Texas Legislature made commendable progress in 2021 by standing up to a Democrat onslaught orchestrated by its elected officials and media allies; and

WHEREAS ensuring election integrity and preserving that progress requires the likelihood that voter fraud and other election-related misconduct will carry criminal penalties with prompt prosecution likely for illegal behavior; and

WHEREAS the Court of Criminal Appeals ruling in State vs. Stephens makes it unlikely that voter fraud or other election-related crimes will be prosecuted in counties that have progressive, pro-crime district attorneys or those backed by PACs with ties to George Soros; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2022 PRECINCT 255 CONVENTION, TRAVIS COUNTY that the convention reiterates its call – currently found in Plank 212 of the 2020 Republican Party of Texas Platform – for raising to felony status certain election-related crimes and calls for the platform to continue to support raising to felony status much election-related crimes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention opposes the State v. Stephens decision as legislating from the bench, in violation of the principles of the Republican Party of Texas platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention calls for the following plank to be added to the state platform: Ensuring Prompt Prosecution of election crimes. We oppose the Court of Criminal Appeals opinion in State v. Stephens, which legislated from the bench and undermined election integrity by removing the long-standing authority of the Attorney General to prosecute election-related offenses. We call on the Legislature to pass laws that ensure that credible allegations of election misconduct will get prosecuted, even in counties with far-left, pro-crime district attorneys; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that felony penalties for election crimes and ensuring prompt prosecution of election crimes be included in the 2024 legislative priorities of the Republican Party of Texas.