Resolution opposing the attack on election integrity by tech corporations

WHEREAS Election integrity is essential to the preservation of our Republic, is a legislative priority for the Republican Party of Texas, and backed by multiple planks (including Plank 210) of the Republican Party of Texas platform;

And WHEREAS Senate Bill 1 (87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session) and Senate Bill 7 (Regular Session) would keep it easy for Texans to vote – much easier than in some states run by Democrats – but make it harder to cheat and embodies many of the principles found in the aforementioned Platform and Legislative Priorities; and

WHEREAS the tech industry exists and prospers largely as a result of the free enterprise, pro-America economic philosophy found in our platform and some Republican elected officials – in violation of the platform – have passed corporate welfare initiatives that benefit this industry, including tax abatements and school technology set-asides such as Senate Bill 6 (83rd Legislature, 1st called session); and

WHEREAS in 2021, Microsoft, HP, and Dell dishonored themselves and an otherwise great industry by opposing the common-sense election integrity legislation described above, caving to pressure from woke political operatives and media outlets who want to bias US elections in favor of Democrats; and

WHEREAS Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg donated money to public authorities for get-out-the-vote efforts in Democrat areas but not in Republican areas and his company added biased disclaimers to Facebook posts expressing concerns about election integrity;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRECINCT 255, TRAVIS COUNTY, REPUBLICAN CONVENTION that the convention censures the aforementioned tech companies for their opposition to election integrity and objects in strongest possible terms to their partisan and disgraceful opposition to Senate Bills 1 and 7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention reiterates our call to repeal all corporate welfare that benefits the tech industry – including property tax abatements (Plank 185) and technology set-asides (Plank 144, relating to the repeal of SB 6); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention reiterates our support for reforming Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act to prevent censorship of conservative thought on social media platforms run by Democrats like Zuckerberg (Plank 34); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention opposes any further expansion of corporate welfare for Big Tech such as that proposed in House Bill 424 (87th Legislature, Regular session)