

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

WHEREAS The Texas Democratic Party’s State Democratic Executive Committee is the general custodian of the records of the Party;

WHEREAS **voter registration and voting history** are among the data maintained by the SECRETARY OF STATE of TEXAS and made available to the Party;

WHEREAS national and Texas Republicans are advocating the creation of a national ID for citizens and voters and highly detailed **databases of personal, private information** on the lives of citizens and voters;

WHEREAS there is substantial evidence provided by the **Electronic Frontier Foundation** of abuse and privacy “snooping” by the current Republican administration and the National Security Agency (NSA);

WHEREAS Texas Republicans have a proven history of “**purging**” **voter rolls** for purposes of eliminating “undesirable” voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote;

WHEREAS the Republican Texas Secretary of State has undertaken a project called **Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM)** system involving the creation of a highly detailed database of personal information on all Texas voters due to be put into use in 2006;

AND WHEREAS the Texas Democratic Party currently has a ‘seat’ on the **Secretary of State’s TEAM committee** but has not been actively involved;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the highest authority of the Texas Democratic Party, delegates assembled in Convention, direct the State Party Chair and the SDEC to obtain **read and write access** the Texas Secretary of State’s (TEAM) Texas Election Administration Management system and appoint an SDEC member to actively participate in its activities:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TDP’s access to the TEAM database include the Chair appointing an **SDEC DATA SECURITY BOARD** of at least two SDEC members to review or draft security politics related to these and other Party voter history data to prevent data mining, unauthorized use of this personal data or its theft.

DRAFT REFERRED by _____ **[Subsidiary Convention]** _____
[Date]

FINALLY ADOPTED: _____ **[Date]**

SIGNED: _____ **[Presiding Officer]**

FILED: _____ **[Convention Secretary]** _____ **[Date]**

[Discussion]

TEAM is a newly developed voter/citizen database developed by the Sec. Of State of Texas; ... Involvement by the State Party with this voter data base will provide the Party with critical information related to primaries, convention credentialing, petitions and conduct of campaigns. Participation will also put the Party in a ‘watchdog’ position to protect citizens personal information from abuse by the State.