

Resolution: Constitutional Supremacy — No Parallel Legal Systems

The Republican Party of Texas affirms that the Constitutions of the United States and Texas are the sole sources of civil authority in Texas. Government must remain strictly neutral in matters of religion and belief and may not enforce, elevate, subsidize, or accommodate any religious, ideological, or foreign system of law—including sharia—as civil authority through public office, governmental power, public institutions, or taxpayer funds. No parallel legal system may operate through public authority in Texas. This principle protects both religious liberty and constitutional self-government by ensuring that government authority derives only from the Constitution.

All political power is inherent in the People. The People established the Constitution of the United States to grant limited powers to the federal government and to prohibit certain powers to the states. The People of Texas established the Texas Constitution to grant limited authority to the government of this state. All authority not granted to the federal government or to the State of Texas remains reserved to the People. Neutrality means the absence of governmental elevation, enforcement, or subsidization of belief systems through public power.

Legislative Priority Resolution

Resolution to Prevent the Use of Public Office and Taxpayer Funds to Advance Sharia or Other Religious, Ideological, or Foreign Systems of Law

The Republican Party of Texas affirms that all political power is inherent in the People, and that the Constitutions of the United States and Texas—adopted by the People—are the sole and exclusive sources of civil authority in this state.

The Legislature should enact laws prohibiting the use of public office, governmental authority, public institutions, or taxpayer funds to enforce, elevate, subsidize, or accommodate any religious, ideological, or foreign system of law—including Sharia—above the Constitution.

Such legislation must also provide taxpayers with standing to challenge violations of the oath of office and the unconstitutional use of public authority or taxpayer funds.

The Republican Party of Texas urges the Legislature to adopt this framework to ensure that public authority in Texas remains grounded solely in the Constitution and the sovereignty of the People.