

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION

WHEREAS the nomination of candidates to public office is one of the most fundamental functions of a political party; and

WHEREAS under current law, any person can currently run and/or vote in a Republican primary, regardless of their true beliefs or affiliation; and

WHEREAS we often see efforts by candidates and/campaigns to encourage Democrats to vote in our Republican Primary; and

WHEREAS limiting primary voters to only Republican voters and primary candidates to only Republican candidates would allow for a greater, more accurate representation of the South Carolina Republican Party's platform in our elected nominees and prevent "tipping the scale" and meddling from Democrats or third-party voters or candidates, and

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party Platform calls for partisan voter registration, and **WHEREAS** more than 84% of Republican primary voters answered "YES" in favor of partisan voter registration on the 2018, 2020, and 2022 primary ballot advisory question and **WHEREAS** that question will also be put to our presidential primary voters on February 24th;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party hereby condemns efforts by candidates, campaigns or third-party groups to draw Democrats to vote in Republican Primaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party calls on the South Carolina General Assembly to pass SC House Bill 3695, also known as the "Voter Registration and Party Affiliation Act", to alter our state's voter registration process to allow for partisan voter registration and prohibit Democrats from voting in Republican primaries, and to tighten qualifications for candidates wanting to run in a partisan primary to **ONLY** candidates registered with that Party and who have voted in at least two of the three most previous primaries for that Party.