

Republican Party of Texas
900 Congress, Suite 300
Austin, Texas 78701
Attn: Tina Benkiser

Ref: Challenges

Madam Chair:

Please deliver the following challenges to the Republican State Officials Committee as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC and to the Temporary Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

The signers of this challenge, all of whom voted in the Republican General Primary and reside in the same county and/or senatorial district as the delegate or alternate being challenged, individually and collectively challenge the delegate status of the following persons:

1. Jackie Yates Chairman Nacogdoches County Convention,
2. David Alders Parliamentarian Nacogdoches County Convention
3. All pre-appointed state convention delegates that were not nominated at the county convention and were seated BEFORE the convention even convened.

Summary of Challenge

Cite the parliamentary or Republican Party of Texas rule i.e., According to __rule 27__

This rule was not adhered to and my rights as a delegate were violated.

I was elected as a delegate during our precinct 32 convention. I arrived about 30-45 minutes late for our county convention and waited about ten minutes before they called a ten minute break. During this break I located the sign-in roster and placed my name on it. After a few minutes I was approached by the lady in charge of the roster and was told that I might not be able to participate in the convention because the roster had already been voted upon by those present as being accepted. I asked how that could be since there was no cut-off time designated prior to the convention that all delegates must be present when the roster was voted on or they would be excluded from participation. She said she would check on that and let me know. Within a few minutes I was approached by Mr. Yates and Mr. Alders and shown a supposed rule that prohibited the participation in the county convention AND any subsequent conventions of any delegate that was not on the roster when it was voted upon by the delegates present at that time. They insisted that they could not break the rules and would not allow me to participate. Though I was allowed to stay and observe I was not allowed to vote or discuss any issues or resolutions.

Another point at issue was the manner in which voting was counted. The chairman Mr. Yates decided that all votes would be counted according to "audibleness" of the delegates voting. In other words, the loudest "Yay" or "Nay" carried the vote. Then after that failed to provide adequate ability to determine the outcome, the voting was changed to a method that counted on the "percentage present of the total votes for your precinct". This method stipulated that if your precinct had eight votes and five of you were present and all voted "FOR" a resolution then your precinct was shown as 62.5% "FOR" and 37.5% "AGAINST". All voters not present to be counted were assumed to be "AGAINST" a given resolution.

Lastly, all seats on the Republican State Convention were all already filled PRIOR to the county convention even starting. It would appear that the seats were pre-filled with those people that had been actively working for the Republican party in whatever capacity during the prior year. I might be mistaken but I thought the purpose of the conventions and voting on delegates to proceed was so that the people themselves could choose the delegates they felt best represented their desires about government. Not cronyism or "good 'ol boy" politics.

I hereby demand that if any part or the whole of this challenge is upheld that these person(s) be removed from serving as a delegate to any convention throughout the year.

The above challenges have been sent via certified or registered mail not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the county or SD convention.

Signed,