

Date: April 8, 2008

To: State Credentials Committee or other governing body

RE: Challenge to 1. Zan (Statham) Prince

2200 Lake Country Drive, Weatherford, 76087 817-594-5029 Voter ID - Unknown

Madam Chairman,

Please deliver the following challenge to the Republican State Officials Committee (as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC) or in the alternative if appropriate to the Temporary Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

We, the undersigned, having voted in the 2008 Presidential Primary Elections held March 4, 2008 find it necessary, pursuant to Rule 11b(1) of the Texas Republican Party's General Rules For All Conventions and Meetings, to be charged with the duty of recognizing, identifying and rectifying any infraction of these rules to the integrity of the Republican Party; and following the procedures outlined in Rule 27 (2) for filing said challenge, please be advised that this letter serves as our Challenge to the above-listed individual.

This named person intentionally violated the Laws of Texas (TEC) and the RPT Rules and in accordance with the above-cited Rules we hereby specify the grounds for the challenge and detail the specific rule or rules we allege to have been violated:

Rule 22 b. *The copy shall be public record.* (emphasis added)

Mrs. (Statham) Prince repeatedly violated to Rule 22 (b):

1. To our knowledge, at least 5 individual Republican County Convention Delegates have made a request for *copies* (no request has been made for the originals) of the precinct minutes in their entirety for every precinct in Parker County that has reported and will be subject to having their delegates credentialed. The requests have been made via telephone requests, e-mail requests and one delegate, at the direction of Mrs. (Statham) Prince, sent the request in writing using certified mail with a delivery confirmation. In addition, at least 2 of the delegates made an "in person" request for said information.

2. Until 3 days *after* the county convention, all requests were denied. Several reasons were given including:

a. Mrs. Prince informed delegates that **"The County Chair does not have copies."** According to the Republican Party of Texas website document "The Role of the Republican County Chairman", #4 under The County Chairman's role as leader of the County Party, "4. maintaining permanent, up-to-date...primary and convention files," and according to the Texas Election Law sub-section 174.027(d) **"The county chair shall retain the copies of the lists until the end of the voting year in which they are received."** So, Mrs. Prince, by law, should have a copy of these precinct convention minutes including all exhibits A-C and therefore, has broken that law by not retaining a copy of said information or was falsifying her possession of them. (Until the copies were received by the delegate 3 days after the convention, this was a working infraction.)

b. When a delegate requested the documents described, in person, Mrs. Prince verbally gave the above-noted response. In addition, the attached e-mail was sent to that delegate. (see attached) The election law that is referred to is: 174.027 (f) "The original lists are not public information." This part of the law is quite clear that the "ORIGINAL" lists are not public; whereas, the Republican Party Rules state that the "copy" is public information. Evidence of this falsehood is found in the delivery of the requested "copies" just 3 days after the convention was adjourned.

c. Another delegate was informed on approximately March 13th, 2008 (6 days past the Republican Party Rules and Texas Election Code designated deadline for the submission of Precinct Convention Packets) by Mrs. Prince that she had **"not gotten that information together because the packets were still trickling in..."** Evidence of that was witnessed by 2 delegates when 5 or more precinct packets were found lying on the floor just inside the meeting place door the night the votes were canvassed.

d. Mrs. Prince, when visited by 2 delegates making the same request, reiterated more than 3 times that she did **"not have time for this."** When the delegates suggested that the Credentials Committee Chair had the copies, Mrs. Prince informed that delegate that, **"None of them will give you copies unless I tell them to."**

e. During one of the requests made verbally, Mrs. Prince's response was that she **"hadn't gotten to that yet."** The delegate then queried Mrs. Prince about the **deadline** and was told, **"We don't really go by that."** Once again, Mrs. Prince flagrantly dismisses the rules to the harm of those wanting to participate in the process.

f. Some delegates requested ONLY copies of the precinct minutes from the precinct they resided and participated in but were NEVER provided copies of those minutes. Due to the fact that the provision of the precinct convention rules allowing copying for 30 minutes after the convention could not be fulfilled because of a lack of copying equipment at the precinct convention site, and the fact that some of the precinct chairman did not fulfill their duties by maintaining a copy themselves, these delegates were denied their right to have their copy and use that copy as a comparison tool at registration when denial to participate was enforced.

g. Mrs. Prince delivered by certified mail, 3 days after the conclusion of the county convention, copies of all precinct minutes and exhibits to one of the delegates who had been required to submit her request "in writing". **If the documents were NOT public record before the convention, why were they public record AFTER the convention?**

In Conclusion, since it is fact that a portion of the precinct convention packets (including minutes, attendees names and addresses, delegates and alternates lists) were not retrieved and secured in a timely manner either in whole or in part by the county chair and no oversight by the several delegates was allowed, it is hard to say that the integrity of the process was safeguarded. In fact, it gives rise to the possibility of tampering with the documentation outside the convention and, therefore, compromises what the attendees of the Precinct Conventions thought had occurred. Thus, withholding this documentation from scrutiny by the electorate causes questions about the integrity of the delegation which will be seated to the Texas State Republican Convention due to the loss of integrity of the seating of the delegates to the county convention. Mrs. Prince, according to the Republican Party of Texas' "Role of the Republican County Chairman," was the responsible party; and by denying the right of the delegates to review the documentation has, in fact, brought this challenge to bear.

We the undersigned do request that this Challenge be upheld by the State Credentials Committee or other governing body by executing the required consequences on Mrs. Zan (Statham) Prince as required in Rule #11 (b) "...shall be removed from serving as a delegate to any convention of the Party at any level throughout the year."

In addition, since the documentation is, in fact, public record; and said documentation was withheld, thereby compromising the integrity of the Parker County Republican County Convention, we ask that the minutes certified and submitted be declared "null and void" by cause of not representing an informed decision by the delegates of the convention.

Sincerely,

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