

# Final Credentials Report

*2008 Senatorial District 14 Convention, 29 March 2008*

The Senatorial District 14 Credentials Committee met Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, March 24, 25, and 27, to develop the temporary roll of the convention and hear challenges. I want to thank the members of the committee for the many hours of hard work in preparing the credentials for this convention. Those members are Junious Arrant, Matt Baker, Glenna Bowman, Donna Crocker, Sue Dewey, Erica Grignon, Cherry Haught, Kristin Jones, Paul Lange, Hannah Malone, Bryan Martin, Emmy McDaniel, Patti Walker, Jerri Ward. I also want to thank the individuals who helped me prepare the list of credentials: William Warmuth, Cherry Haught, John and Patti Ulrich, Barbara and Hollis Lloyd, Olga Lasher, Jerri Ward, Kathy Cox, Hannah Malone, and Francis Garner.

Of the 176 precincts in Travis County Senatorial District 14, 171 submitted paperwork from their precinct conventions. Two conventions elected no delegates.

There were a total of 1410 delegates elected and 366 alternates elected from 169 precincts. The possible convention voting strength is 1943.

The credentials committee would like to compliment the 166 delegations that turned their paperwork in on time. We are pleased that the 2006 Convention's Tough stance on late packets has resulted in a much higher deadline compliance rate this year.

We do express some concern with respect to start times of precinct conventions not being strictly adhered to, but understand the extraordinary circumstances of access to precinct convention locations due to another party's caucus meetings.

The paperwork for the following precincts was turned in after the statutory deadline: 111, 318, 235. The committee recommends that these precincts be seated due to extenuating circumstances, but noted as late, expressing concern for the tardiness of the delivery.

In Precincts 202 and 209, a convention was held that was irregular, but not a substantial violation of the rules. The committee recommends that the delegates from these two precincts be seated.

In precinct 215, a voter was unable to find the precinct convention. The committee recommends this voter be seated as an alternate.

In precinct 372, a convention attendee indicated his desire to be listed as a delegate and was elected as such, but was unable to hear the instructions to fill out exhibit B. The committee recommends he be seated as an alternate.

In precincts 246, 251, and 303, more delegates were elected than there were slots available. The committee recommends that the last name on the delegate list from each of these delegations be seated as the lowest numbered alternate.

In precincts 163, 310, 314, and 361, delegates were elected who were not registered in the precinct, in violation of Texas Election Code 174.024. The committee recommends that these delegates not be seated.

In precinct 373, a delegate was elected who had cast a provisional vote in the Republican primary. The vote was subsequently disqualified because the voter was not properly registered in the precinct. The committee recommends that this delegate not be seated.

In precincts 150, 164, 200, 202, 213, 219, 222, 303, 333, 334, 359, 371, and 378, delegates were elected, who were not shown by the county elections department's records as having voted. The committee recommends that only those delegates who presented to the Credentials Committee evidence of having voted in the primary or of having been affiliated with the Republican Party in accordance with Texas Election Code 162.008 be seated.

In precincts 200, 225, 262, and 324, delegates were elected, who were shown by the county elections department's records as having voted in the Democrat Primary. The committee recommends that these delegates not be seated unless they can show evidence that the county elections department records are in error.

In precinct 207, a delegate has subsequently moved and is now registered to vote in Senatorial District 25. Texas Election Code 174.003 requires that all delegates to Senatorial District Conventions be residents of the Senatorial District they are representing. The committee recommends that this delegate not be seated.

There was one challenge under Republican Party of Texas Rule 27.

In precinct 420, three voters have challenged the delegation from Precinct 420, alleging that the delegates were not properly elected and that there were other violations including a failure of the permanent chairman to follow Republican Party of Texas Rule 22. The reported delegation consisted of the following:

Delegates: Morris Woods, Courtney Crowley, Dustin Hoefling

Alternates: Robert Vera, Abdo Sera, Dave Kemper

The complainants requested that the following substitute delegation be seated:

Delegates: John Burton, Hester Pollard, Jared Barger

Alternates: None

The committee recommends that the reported delegation not be seated and that the substitute delegation not be seated. Instead, the committee recommends the following compromise delegation be seated:

Delegates: Morris Woods, John Burton, Hester Pollard

Alternates: Jared Barger, David Geoffrion, Dave Kemper

Mr. Chairman, I request that consideration of the challenges under Republican Party of Texas Rule 27 be conducted seriatim in accordance with Republican Party of Texas Rule 27(d).

Mr Chairman, I move adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman, Committee on Credentials