

TDP 2024 STATEWIDE RESOLUTION & RULES SUBMISSION

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This Resolution is intended to be a Resolution
Constitutional Representative Democracy and Democratic Norms

On March 23, 2024 Van Zandt County Democrats voted **IN SUPPORT OF:**

Changing Election Day to Super Saturday

WHERE AS

Gun violence and mass shootings have increased at an alarming rate in our public schools and Republicans are using that self-created fact to lead an effort to prohibit Elections to be held in public schools thereby exacerbating their efforts at voter suppression and forcing more elections to be held in churches and other worship centers where voters are often exposed to literature, pictures, and other decorations that promote far right-wing rhetoric such as anti-abortion messages, white Christian nationalist views, clandestine pro-Trump ideas, and more against their will

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school security and safety are indeed compromised anytime unvetted people are allowed inside a school while students are present

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public school buildings are the ideal place to hold elections because the buildings are heated or air-conditioned, have plenty of parking, are ADA compliant, in local neighborhoods, are familiar to voters, are devoid of political rhetoric of any party, and are bought and paid for with our taxes and should be available for limited government functions such as elections

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

the Democratic party needs to lead the charge for creating Super Saturday Election Days in order to protect our students and teachers from gun violence and other nefarious actors while they are on campus

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (if needed) Clause 2

the Democratic Party should stand firmly against more intimidation by forcing voters to go to any place of worship at all, forcing voters to go to a place of worship of a different religion than their own or a different denomination than their own

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (if needed) Clause 3

voters should not be forced to enter a place of worship to vote and be unwillingly exposed to aversive signs, pictures, posters, and literature which totally disagree with Democratic values and ideals. Churches often display anti-abortion messages, pro white Christian Nationalist rhetoric, clandestine pro-Trump support messages, and other far right-wing rhetoric. These are very often intentionally placed in the voting area. This is the exact opposite of SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE and must be addressed by the Democratic Party.