

SD 57 Resolutions Committee Report

in the following table you will see four columns. The first is the existing language from the Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota. The second column is the language that would become part of the Standing Platform if the resolution passes at the SD 57 convention, the Second Congressional District convention, and the State Convention. In the second column, language to be added is underlined and language to be removed is marked with strikethrough, like ~~this~~. The third column contains a recommendation from your Resolutions Committee, and in the fourth column may be some sort of reason for the recommendation, or a reference to a note at the end of the table, which will contain more detailed information.

ALL resolutions submitted at the 2014 caucus are either included in this report or are already in the standing platform in some form. In some cases the language of the resolution may have been changed to fit it into the platform's existing language, but every effort was made to maintain what we believed was the intent of the resolution. If you have a question about your particular resolution, please contact any member of the committee.

I wish to thank the members of the 2014 SD 57 Resolutions Committee – Heidi Payne, Mike Rose and Larry Debelak.

Jerry Ewing, Resolutions Committee Chair

Committee recommendation



Existing Language	Proposed Language	Committee recommendation	Note
Section 1: Promote Economic Prosperity			
Republicans support limiting the ability of Congress and the Legislature to use tax increases as the first solution to every problem by requiring a supermajority vote in Congress or the Minnesota Legislature to enact such increases. We support a state constitutional amendment limiting growth in state spending to inflation plus population growth. Any surpluses should be returned to the taxpayers in proportion to the taxes paid.	Republicans support limiting the ability of Congress and the Legislature to use tax increases as the first solution to every problem by requiring a supermajority vote in Congress or the Minnesota Legislature to enact such increases. We support a state constitutional amendment limiting growth in state spending to inflation plus population growth. Any surpluses should be returned to the taxpayers in proportion to the taxes paid <u>used for deficit reduction.</u>	N	MN by law cannot run a deficit (balanced budget amendment)
Republicans seek to reduce the current burden of taxation by cutting or eliminating capital gains taxes, taxes on marriage, sickness, death, inheritance, Social Security and veterans' benefits and pensions. This would also include the onerous Alternative Minimum Tax. Republicans also support keeping internet sales and access free of taxation.	Republicans seek to reduce the current burden of taxation by cutting or eliminating capital gains taxes, business taxes, taxes on marriage, sickness, death, inheritance, Social Security and veterans' benefits and pensions. This would also include the onerous Alternative Minimum Tax. Republicans also support keeping internet sales and access free of taxation.	Y	
At the state level, we support limiting proposed spending for a new biennium to no more than the actual receipts from the previous biennium's revenue collections. Zero-based budgeting should replace baseline budgeting for state and federal budgets.	At the state level, we support limiting proposed spending for a new biennium to no more than the actual receipts from the previous biennium's revenue collections. Zero-based budgeting should replace baseline budgeting for state and federal budgets. <u>Budgets must be set within the first 30 days of each session, and be the first order of business.</u>	Y	End "spend first, tax later"

Section 2: Preserve Civil Rights			
... We oppose partial birth abortions and we should eliminate forced taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion providers and abortions performed on minors without parental consent. We advocate providing women considering abortions with information on alternatives as well as information on the repercussions of choosing abortion.	... We oppose partial birth abortions and we should eliminate forced taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion providers and abortions performed on minors without parental consent. We advocate providing women considering abortions with information on alternatives as well as information on the repercussions of choosing abortion. <u>We advocate protecting women's health by instituting basic regulations and inspections of abortion facilities, and by banning dangerous "web-cam" abortions.</u>	Y	
[SAME]	... We oppose partial birth abortions and we should eliminate forced taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion providers and abortions performed on minors without parental consent. We advocate providing women considering abortions with information on alternatives as well as information on the repercussions of choosing abortion. <u>We advocate protecting women's health by banning dangerous "web-cam" abortions.</u>	Y	
We reaffirm the constitutional right of an individual citizen to keep and bear arms. A responsible, competent citizen has the right to self defense through registration-free gun ownership and a 'must issue' carry permit system.	We reaffirm the constitutional right of an individual citizen to keep and bear arms, <u>by amendment to the State Constitution if necessary.</u> A responsible, competent citizen has the right to self defense through registration-free gun ownership and a 'must issue' carry permit system.	N	NOT necessary. Covered by 2nd Amendment
Organizations should have the right to set their own standards for membership and the right to maintain in their policies those aspects that support their fundamental and legal beliefs. Furthermore, we ...	Organizations should have the right to set their own standards for membership and the right to maintain in their policies those aspects that support their fundamental and legal beliefs. <u>Private individuals and organizations should have their religious liberties accommodated if they refuse to solemnize, celebrate, or assist in a same-sex marriage.</u> Furthermore, we ...	Y	
Section 4: Educate Our Children			
We believe that K-12 public school teachers should not initiate discussion, teach lessons, or provide resources to students on the topic of family structure, human sexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or transgenderism. ...	We believe that K-12 public school teachers should not initiate discussion, teach lessons, or provide resources to students on the topic of family structure, human sexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or transgenderism. <u>We support "anti-bullying laws" that allow local control to define bullying based on behavior and applied to ALL children equally.</u>	Y	We support S.F. 2411 and oppose H.F. 826
Republicans believe that we should abolish the U.S. Department of Education, as well as its unfunded mandates, and oppose any new state or federal law that seeks to centralize educational authority at the expense of local school boards. We oppose reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and, until then, Minnesota should opt out.	Republicans believe that we should abolish the U.S. Department of Education, as well as its unfunded mandates, and oppose any new state or federal law that seeks to centralize educational authority at the expense of local school boards, <u>such as Common Core.</u> We oppose reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and, until then, Minnesota should opt out.	Y	

Section 5: Strengthen Our Families and Communities			
Section 7: Strengthen the Rule of Law			
We support contested, not “retention”, election of judges as provided by the Minnesota Constitution and oppose any proposals to eliminate or limit these elections.	We support contested, not “retention,” election of judges as provided by the Minnesota Constitution and oppose any proposals to eliminate or limit these elections. <u>We would limit the authority of the Governor to make judicial appointments for the purpose of avoiding a contested election.</u>	Y	
A code of judicial ethics, enforced by a legislative Board on Judicial Standards, should be established by statute as a check on judicial power.	A code of judicial ethics, enforced by a legislative Board on Judicial Standards, should be established by statute as a check on judicial power, <u>including a limit on gifts.</u>	Y	
[none]	We seek to hold judges accountable by making our courts more transparent, including: a <u>judge’s signature on all rulings, orders and opinions,</u>	Y	
[none]	<u>and permitting audio and video recordings of court cases by the public.</u>	Y	
Section 9: making government smaller and better			
We support the current Electoral College system and oppose electing our president based on the national popular vote. We ...	We support the current Electoral College system and oppose electing our president based on the national popular vote. <u>We advocate allocating Minnesota’s Electoral College votes proportional to Presidential votes received by each Party, rather than winner-take-all.</u> We ...	N	Splitting the Electoral Vote is NOT “supporting the current EC system.”
Section 10: defend America at home and abroad			
Also, children born to illegal aliens inside the United States should not automatically obtain citizenship.	Also, children born to illegal aliens inside the United States should not automatically obtain citizenship, <u>maintain the citizenship of their parents.</u>	N	US does not control citizenship in other nations
We urge elimination of the Sanctuary City designation in Minnesota.	We urge elimination of the Sanctuary City designation in Minnesota <u>and would reduce State aid to such cities.</u>	Y	
Miscellaneous and General: Not proposed for the Platform			
	Organize a committee to rewrite the platform to fully represent conservative values while seeking brevity.	Y	
	Restore the platform to an itemized statement list instead of the narrative.	Y	