

Dear Adam Bitter:

The Office of the Governor is in receipt of the Secretary of State's (SOS's) request to temporarily suspend Section 181.061(a) of the Texas Election Code. SOS asserts that strict compliance with this law could prevent, hinder, or delay political parties from being able to reschedule their state conventions, and to conduct all or portions of their conventions via remote communication or other technological methods in relation to efforts to cope with the declared disaster.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor grants SOS's request to suspend Section 181.061(a) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to allow political parties nominating by convention the flexibility to reschedule their conventions or restructure how their conventions will be held so long as participation and transparency are maximized to the extent possible while protecting public health.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

Thank you,

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