

Texas Democrat Primary Cases plus 1 precedent

Case	Statute	Claims	Result
Nixon v. Herndon 1927	Sec 309a "In no event shall a Negro be eligible to participate in a democratic primary election	14 th and 15 th	Violate=prot
Nixon v. Condon 1931	"every political party in the State Through its State Ex Com shall Power to prescribe qualifications Of its own members and shall in its Own way, determine who shall be Qualified to vote or otherwise part. In such pol/party. Dem E.C. Adopted rule that only white D's Should participate in primaries	14 th and state action	st/act, =prot Leg shows parties w/o inherent authority Violate=prot
Grovey v. Townsend 1937	1 month after Condon, Texas Dem Convention adopted res: that that all white Citizens of the State of Texas Who are qualified to vote under The Constitution and laws of the State are eligible to membership In the Democratic Party and as such entitled to participate in its deliberations.	14 th and 15 th	No violation In general can vote but party pays for primary Mgrs of primary not state officers Party convention can determine who votes in Their primary
U.S. v. Classic 1941	Crim charge: conspiracy to Deprive people of privilege secured by Const.to vote in La Dem primary No Repub party in La. Race not issue	Art I sec 2	Effective choice denied bec primary is the ultimate election
Smith v. Allwright 1944	1932 Resolution of Dem Party Making it all white primary	14, 15, 17 th Amend Art 1s 2 And Art 1s 4	U.S. v. Classic and this is state action state req poll tax and prescribes procedures for primaries
Terry v. Adams 1952	Jaybird Party allowed any registered Voter in state or county to be a member as long as they were not of African descent. Ran pre-primary	State action, 15 th	Several views State action, dem officials participate