



Convention Platform Submission

Proposal Type

- Clarification / Editorial Change

Platform Section Reference

8.4

Proposed Language

Add in 8.4.1 to include a rebuttable presumption of 50/50 equal shared parenting for parental rights should the marriage end.

Rationale / Supporting Explanation

The evidence is overwhelming. Children in equal shared parenting arrangements demonstrate better academic performance, greater emotional stability, and stronger relationships throughout their lives. They're less likely to struggle with behavioral issues, depression, or substance abuse. When both parents remain equally involved, everyone wins—especially the children.

Supporting Document(s)

Members Who Also Support This Platform Plank

Senator Tom Pischke, District 25

Confirmation

I affirm that this submission reflects my own views and is submitted in good faith for consideration by the Platform Committee. I understand that acceptance or rejection is determined by committee and convention vote and that I am an active, registered Republican in the State of South Dakota.

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