

**BYLAWS  
RIGHT TO LIFE OF EAST TEXAS, INCORPORATED**

**PREAMBLE**

The members, directors and officers of this Corporation join together in the defense of innocent human life. We seek due process in law and equal protection of the law for all human beings from the moment they are conceived in the womb until they die a natural death and without regard to their age or physical and mental competence. Human life is the sacred gift of our Creator and it lies only with Him. Our corporate purpose shall be the furtherance and implementation of this view of human life. The corporation shall be non-profit.

**I**

**CORPORATE PURPOSES**

The purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is organized are: in order to guarantee the right to life of all people of the United States of America, to engage in educational, charitable and apolitical activities, projects or purposes, including but not limited to the following:

- A. To promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life, including the life of the unborn child from the moment of conception.
- B. To promote, encourage and sponsor such amendatory and statutory measures which will provide protection for human life before and after birth, particularly for the defenseless, the incompetent, the impaired and the incapacitated.
- C. To engage in such activities as shall be set forth herein and which will assist in the accomplishment of these purposes immediately aforementioned and as follows:
  1. To combat, curb and eliminate abortion, euthanasia, cloning, destruction of embryos for experimentation with fetal stem cells, withholding fluids and nutrition, and any other medical practice that supports the taking of human life or involuntary experiments upon human beings.

2. To sponsor, organize and work in full cooperation with other local, state and national organizations having purposes substantially similar to those of this Corporation.
3. To organize and conduct educational and public relations programs directed at advising the public of the true nature of these aforementioned medical practices; which is, that they are profane attacks upon our Creator and upon the foundations of our society; that they are cruel violence illegally visited upon the victims of such practices; and that they are crimes against humanity.
4. To contribute to and sponsor efforts opposing the aforementioned medical practices by persuading to our view elected and appointed officials, the press, business, the public and churches.
5. To offer referral services and comfort to pregnant women in distress, elderly persons and other potential victims of perverted medical science so as to curb the aforementioned medical practices.
6. To solicit, collect and otherwise raise money and to expend, disburse and dispose of the same all for the purpose of accomplishing these activities.

## II

### OFFICES

The principle office of Right to Life of East Texas, Inc. shall be in the City of Longview, Texas in the County of Gregg. The corporation may have such other offices within or without the City of Longview as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

The Corporation may authorize Chapters as a supplementary operation for the purposes described herein to be better implemented in cities and regions outside of Longview, Texas. Representatives of said cities or regions shall sign an application approved by the Directors. The application shall be executed by a minimum of three members planning to serve as directors of the Chapter. The Chapter shall meet to elect officers, plan activities, raise funds, authorize

expenditures and any other business allowed under these bylaws and approved by the Corporation Directors. The Chapter may establish a bank account; the Chapter shall submit an annual financial report to the Corporate treasurer. All operations of the Chapter shall be subject to the authorization and oversight of the Corporation Directors.

### **III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The class of membership, if any such class is so designated, and the price per membership shall be determined by a simple majority of the Board of Directors present at the regularly called annual meeting of the Corporation.

The membership dues of the Corporation shall be due on a calendar year basis; and any member will be considered in good standing and eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting if their dues are paid within one year, and annually thereafter, of the last day of the month in which application for membership is approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership shall be approved or disapproved by the Board of Directors after formal application has been made.

Membership rights and certificates shall not be transferable by assignment or sale, or by inheritance, or by testament upon the death of the owner, and no rights of membership belonging to the former owner shall inure to the assignee, the vendee, the heir or the legatee.

### **IV**

#### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

An annual meeting of the members shall be held during the month of January for the purpose of electing Directors, amending these bylaws (if desired) and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Corporation. Fifteen days notice in writing shall be given to all members as to the time and place by the secretary of the Corporation.

Special meetings of the members may be held at such times and at such places as the Board of Directors shall determine or by written request of ten percent of the membership. A majority of members present at any meeting is required to carry a motion.

## **V**

### **DIRECTORS**

There shall be a minimum of four Directors and no more than nine who shall be elected by the general membership and who shall serve for one year. Immediately following the annual meeting, the Directors shall meet and elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. All Directors shall serve without remuneration, except for Board approved expenses incurred on behalf of the Corporation.

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall meet as the need arises as determined by the President in consultation with one or more of the Directors. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board. All business, likewise, requires a majority vote of Directors present at a meeting of the Board.

No action may be taken by the Board of Directors which violates the Charter agreement or the tax-exempt status of the Corporation or whatever the IRS code under which the Corporation may be operating.

## **VI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments or changes in these bylaws may only be made at the Annual Meeting.

## **VII**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31 beginning in 2008. The fiscal year that began April 1, 2007 was ended December 31, 2007.

Original bylaws adopted in March 1976, previously amended in 1978, 1990, 1991 and 2006. The bylaws as stated herein were further amended and approved at the annual membership meeting April 22, 2008.

Certified by:

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Thomas Mittler  
President

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Ellie Miller  
Secretary

## SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO BYLAWS APRIL, 2008

1. Revised Article IV to change the annual meeting from April to January.
2. Revised Article VII to change the fiscal year from April to March to January to December. This was done to accommodate IRS reporting requirements.

## HISTORY OF BYLAWS

original is undated, believed to be 1976

March 30, 1978 amendment to change classes of membership, state directors must comply with charter and IRS code, set the fiscal year as April 1 to March 31

March 26, 1990 amendment to change various membership rules, define the annual meeting and clarify election and duties of the directors

March 12, 1991 amendment to allow dues to be valid for one year and to be renewed during any month

March 28, 2006 amendment to combine all previous changes and as defined above

April 22, 2008 amendment to change fiscal year to calendar year basis and change annual meeting from April to January.

## RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Right to Life of East Texas that the bylaws of the corporation be amended as follows:

1. Revised Article IV to change the annual meeting from April to January.
2. Revised Article VII to change the fiscal year from April to March to January to December.

Approved at the annual meeting April 22, 2008.

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Thomas Mittler  
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