

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE BILL 1072

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2001,  
7 Section 1-108, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter  
8 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 1-108),  
9 which relates to formation of political parties;  
10 modifying requirements for formation of a recognized  
11 political party; and providing an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 1-108, as  
14 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp.  
15 2008, Section 1-108), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-108. A group of persons may form a recognized  
17 political party at any time except during the period between June 1  
18 and November 15 of any even-numbered year if the following procedure  
19 is observed:

20 1. Notice of intent to form a recognized political party must  
21 be filed in writing with the Secretary of the State Election Board  
22 at any time except during the period between March 1 and November 15  
23 of any even-numbered year.

1           2. After such notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of  
2 a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of  
3 the State Election Board, shall be filed with such Secretary,  
4 bearing the signatures of a minimum of five thousand (5,000)  
5 registered voters ~~equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total~~  
6 ~~votes cast in the last General Election either for Governor or for~~  
7 ~~electors for President and Vice President.~~ Each page of such  
8 petitions must contain the names of registered voters from a single  
9 county. Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after  
10 notice is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with such  
11 Secretary no later than May 1 of an even-numbered year. Such  
12 petitions shall not be circulated between May 1 and November 15 of  
13 any even-numbered year.

14           3. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such petitions, the  
15 State Election Board shall determine the sufficiency of such  
16 petitions. If such Board determines there are a sufficient number  
17 of valid signatures of registered voters, the party becomes  
18 recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma with all rights  
19 and obligations accruing thereto.

20           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1,2009.

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