

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1058

6 By: Key

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8 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2001,
9 Section 1-108, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter
10 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1-108),
11 which relates to formation of political parties;
12 modifying requirements for formation of a recognized
13 political party; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 1-108, as
16 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp.
17 2010, Section 1-108), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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