

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1058

By: Key, Murphey, Dorman,  
Proctor, Cooksey and Ritze  
of the House

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4 and

5 Reynolds of the Senate  
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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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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2011.

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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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