ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 896 By: Loveless of the Senate

and

Murphey of the House

[political parties - recognition - effective date]

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, which relates to political party recognition; modifying circumstances under which political party ceases to be recognized; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-109. A. Any recognized political party whose nominee for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice President fail to receive at least ~~ten percent (10%)~~ <u>two and one-half percent (2.5%)</u> of the total votes cast for said offices in any General Election shall cease to be a recognized political party. ~~Said~~ <u>A</u> party may regain recognition only by following the procedure

prescribed for formation of new political parties. The State Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a party's failure to receive a sufficient number of votes and shall order that ~~said~~ the party cease to be recognized.

B. Any recognized political party that ceases to be recognized under provisions of this section shall be designated as a political organization. Such political organization designation shall terminate four (4) years from the date that the political party ceases to be recognized or when the political organization regains recognition as a political party, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016."

Passed the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate