

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1742

By: Graves

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 1991, Section 1-108, which relates to formation of new political parties; modifying the number of signatures needed on petition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 1991, Section 1-108, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

2. After said notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board, shall be filed with said Secretary, bearing the signatures of at least ten thousand registered voters ~~equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election either for Governor or for electors for President and Vice President.~~ Each page of said petitions must contain the names of registered voters from a single county.

Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with said Secretary no later than May 31 of an even-numbered year. Said petitions shall

not be circulated between May 31 and November 15 of any even-numbered year.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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