

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1072

By: Key, Cooksey, Proctor,  
Dorman and McMullen of the  
House

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4 and

Brogdon of the Senate

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8 ( elections - amending 26 O.S., Section 1-108 -

9 formation of political parties -

10 effective date )  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2001, Section 1-108, as  
15 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp.  
16 2008, Section 1-108), is amended to read as follows:

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

21 1. Notice of intent to form a recognized political party must  
22 be filed in writing with the Secretary of the State Election Board  
23 at any time except during the period between March 1 and November 15  
24 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 registered voters equal to at least five  
5 percent (5%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election  
6 ~~either for Governor or for electors for President and Vice~~  
7 ~~President~~. Each page of such petitions must contain the names of  
8 registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be circulated  
9 a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided that  
10 petitions shall be filed with such Secretary no later than May 1 of  
11 an even-numbered year. Such petitions shall not be circulated  
12 between May 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered year.

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

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2009.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives  
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