

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1072
Version:	Introduced
Author:	Representative Key
Date:	February 25, 2009
Impact:	FY-10- \$0
	Potential Increased
	Ballots Costs

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Arnella Karges

The introduced version of HB1072 reduces the minimum number of signatures required to form a recognized political party from a number equal to 5% of the votes cast in the last general election to a minimum of 5,000 registered voters. (Five percent of the votes cast in the 2008 presidential election equals 73,134.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Terry McKenna

HB 1072, as introduced, modifies the requirement for the formation of a recognized political party. The measure provides that a minimum of five thousand signatures is required for a political party to become recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Current statutory law requires the signatures of at least five percent of the total votes cast in the last General Election.

Fiscal Analysis

The State Election Board advises that it is unlikely that there would be a fiscal impact to this bill. However, if a large number of political parties became recognized, it could become necessary to print an additional ballot for the General Election. It could also be necessary to print ballots for additional political parties in primary elections. The cost of an additional ballot for a General Election would be approximately \$350,000. The cost of a ballot for another political party in a primary would vary depending on the number of ballots needed, but it could be as much as \$35,000.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

As Stated Above

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed by:

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