

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 HOUSE BILL 1058

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 1-108, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter
9 53, O.S.L. 2004 (26 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1-108),
10 which relates to formation of political parties;
11 modifying requirements for formation of a recognized
12 political party; and providing an effective date.

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 2010, 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 a minimum of five thousand registered
5 voters ~~equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total votes cast~~
6 ~~in the last General Election either for Governor or for electors for~~
7 ~~President and Vice President~~. Each page of such petitions must
8 contain the names of registered voters from a single county.

9 Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice
10 is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with such Secretary
11 no later than May 1 of an even-numbered year. Such petitions shall
12 not be circulated between May 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered
13 year.

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

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.
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