

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 668

By: Johnson (Rob) of the Senate

3 and

4 Watson of the House

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6 [formation of political parties - modifying
7 signature requirement for petition - granting certain
8 authority to the Secretary of the State Election
9 Board - effective date]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-108, is
12 amended to read as follows:

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

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

21 2. After such notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of
22 a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of
23 the State Election Board, shall be filed with such Secretary,
24 bearing the signatures of registered voters equal to at least five

1 percent (5%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election
2 ~~either for Governor or for electors for President and Vice~~
3 ~~President.~~ Each page of ~~such~~ the petitions must contain the names
4 of registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be
5 circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided
6 that petitions shall be filed with the Secretary no later than March
7 1 of an even-numbered year. ~~Such~~ The petitions shall not be
8 circulated between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered
9 year; and

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

16 B. In the event a question or dispute arises as to which person
17 or persons have the authority to act on behalf of a recognized
18 political party, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall
19 have the authority to make such determination based on relevant
20 state statutes, official documents filed with the Secretary of the
21 State Election Board, the party's by-laws and, if possible,
22 consultation with the party's national chair or executive committee.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.
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1 Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 2013.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2013.

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