

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2134

By: Hickman of the House

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4 Marlatt of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 1-108, which relates to formation of  
9 political parties; modifying requirements for  
10 formation of a recognized political party; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

23 2. After such notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of  
24 a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of

1 the State Election Board, shall be filed with such Secretary,  
2 bearing the signatures of registered voters equal to at least ~~five~~  
3 ~~percent (5%)~~ two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total votes cast  
4 in the last General Election either for Governor or for electors for  
5 President and Vice President. Each page of such petitions must  
6 contain the names of registered voters from a single county.  
7 Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice  
8 is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with the Secretary  
9 no later than March 1 of an even-numbered year. Such petitions  
10 shall not be circulated between March 1 and November 15 of any  
11 even-numbered year; and

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

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2014.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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