

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE BILL 2134

By: Hickman

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

20 1. Notice of intent to form a recognized political party must
21 be filed in writing with the Secretary of the State Election Board
22 at any time except during the period between March 1 and November 15
23 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 (5000)
5 registered voters ~~equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total~~
6 ~~votes cast in the last General Election either for Governor or for~~
7 ~~electors for President and Vice President.~~ Each page of such
8 petitions must contain the names of registered voters from a single
9 county. Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after
10 notice is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with the
11 Secretary no later than March 1 of an even-numbered year. Such
12 petitions shall not be circulated between March 1 and November 15 of
13 any even-numbered year; and

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, 2013.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/20/2013 - DO PASS.
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