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AS AMENDED

By: Johnson (Rob) of the Senate

Watson of the House

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

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

1. Notice of intent to form a recognized political party must be filed in writing with the Secretary of the State Election Board at any time except during the period between March 1 and November 15 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 registered voters equal to at least five
5 percent (5%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election
6 ~~either for Governor or for electors for President and Vice~~
7 ~~President.~~ Each page of ~~such~~ the petitions must contain the names
8 of registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be
9 circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided
10 that petitions shall be filed with the Secretary no later than March
11 1 of an even-numbered year. ~~Such~~ The petitions shall not be
12 circulated between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered
13 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~~ the Board determines there are a sufficient
17 number 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 **B. In the event a question or dispute arises as to which person**
21 **or persons have the authority to act on behalf of a recognized**
22 **political party, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall**
23 **have the authority to make such determination based on relevant**
24 **state statutes, official documents filed with the Secretary of the**

1 State Election Board, the party's by-laws, and, if possible,
2 consultation with the party's national chair or executive committee.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
5 February 13, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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