

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 896

By: Loveless of the Senate

and

Murphey of the House

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An Act relating to political parties; amending 26
O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, which relates to political
party recognition; modifying circumstances under
which political party ceases to be recognized; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1-109. A. Any recognized political party whose nominee
for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice
President fail to receive at least ~~ten percent (10%)~~ two and one-
half percent (2.5%) of the total votes cast for said offices in any
General Election shall cease to be a recognized political party.
~~Said~~ A party may regain recognition only by following the procedure
prescribed for formation of new political parties. The State

1 Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a party's failure to
2 receive a sufficient number of votes and shall order that ~~said~~ the
3 party cease to be recognized.

4 B. Any recognized political party that ceases to be recognized
5 under provisions of this section shall be designated as a political
6 organization. Such political organization designation shall
7 terminate four (4) years from the date that the political party
8 ceases to be recognized or when the political organization regains
9 recognition as a political party, whichever is earlier.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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