

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 896

By: Loveless of the Senate

and

Murphey of the House

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.

SUBJECT: Political party recognition

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

B. Any recognized political party that ceases to be recognized under provisions of this section shall be designated as a political organization. Such political organization designation shall

terminate four (4) years from the date that the political party ceases to be recognized or when the political organization regains recognition as a political party, whichever is earlier.

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

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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