

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 896

By: Loveless of the Senate

and

Murphey of the House

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

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

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

19 Section 1-109. A. Any recognized political party whose nominee
20 for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice
21 President fail to receive at least ~~ten percent (10%)~~ two and one-
22 half percent (2.5%) of the total votes cast for said offices in any
23 General Election shall cease to be a recognized political party.

24 ~~Said~~ A party may regain recognition only by following the procedure

1 prescribed for formation of new political parties. The State
2 Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a party's failure to
3 receive a sufficient number of votes and shall order that ~~said~~ the
4 party cease to be recognized.

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

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.
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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
14 03/23/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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