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**AS AMENDED**

BILL NO. 2181

and

Quinn and **Holt** of the  
Senate

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

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

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

Section 1-108. 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%)~~ **three percent (3%)** of the total votes cast in the last  
6 General Election ~~either for Governor or for electors for President~~  
7 ~~and Vice President~~. Each page of such petitions must contain the  
8 names 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 petitions shall not be circulated  
12 between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered year; and

13        3. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such petitions, the  
14 State Election Board shall determine the sufficiency of such  
15 petitions. If such Board determines there are a sufficient number  
16 of valid signatures of registered voters, the party becomes  
17 recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma with all rights  
18 and obligations accruing thereto.

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

20        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES  
21        April 8, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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