

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 17, 2016

SENATE BILL NO. 896

By: Loveless

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 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.

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

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
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