

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 350

By: Treat of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

An Act relating to political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1-109), which relates to recognition of political parties; modifying circumstances under which political party may retain recognition; 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, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, 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 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.~~ A shall continue to be a recognized political party if a candidate of that party for any statewide elected office receives at least two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total votes cast for the office in either of the preceding two (2) general elections. If such a political party fails to retain recognition, the 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 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, 2017.

Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2017.

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.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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