

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 350

By: Holt of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

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9 An Act relating to political parties; amending 26
10 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1,
11 Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section
12 1-109), which relates to recognition of political
13 parties; modifying circumstances under which
14 political party may retain recognition; and providing
15 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, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016,
19 Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1-109. A. Any recognized political party ~~whose nominee~~
21 ~~for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice~~
22 ~~President fail to receive at least two and one-half percent (2.5%)~~
23 ~~of the total votes cast for said offices in any General Election~~
24 ~~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

1 statewide elected office receives at least two and one-half percent
2 (2.5%) of the total votes cast for the office in either of the
3 preceding two (2) general elections. If such a political party
4 fails to retain recognition, the party may regain recognition only
5 by following the procedure prescribed for formation of new political
6 parties. The State Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a
7 party's failure to receive a sufficient number of votes and shall
8 order that the party cease to be recognized.

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
18 04/12/2017 - DO PASS.
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