

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1565

By: Echols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to elections; 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 political parties; modifying when a 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, 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 any of the preceding two general elections. If a political party fails to

1 retain recognition, the party may regain recognition only by
2 following the procedure prescribed for formation of new political
3 parties. The State Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a
4 party's failure to receive a sufficient number of votes and shall
5 order that the party cease to be recognized.

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

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

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