

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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An Act relating to political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2021, Section 1-108, which relates to formation of new political parties; authorizing adoption of certain rules or bylaws; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 1-108, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-108. A. 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;

2. After such notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board, shall be filed with such Secretary, bearing the signatures of registered voters equal to at least three

1 percent (3%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election  
2 for Governor. Each page of such petitions must contain the names of  
3 registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be circulated  
4 a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided that  
5 petitions shall be filed with the Secretary no later than March 1 of  
6 an even-numbered year. Such petitions shall not be circulated  
7 between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered year; and

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

14 B. Any political party recognized under the laws of this state  
15 may adopt rules or bylaws relating to elections beyond the  
16 requirements of this title, as long as such rules or bylaws are not  
17 in conflict with the requirements of this title or any other state  
18 law related to elections.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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