

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE BILL 2181

 By: Hickman and Cooksey

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 1-108, which relates to formation of
10 political parties; modifying requirements for
 formation of a recognized political party; and
 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-108, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-108. A group of persons may form a recognized
17 political party at any time except during the period between March 1
18 and November 15 of any even-numbered year if the following procedure
19 is observed:

20 1. Notice of intent to form a recognized political party must
21 be filed in writing with the Secretary of the State Election Board
22 at any time except during the period between March 1 and November 15
23 of any even-numbered year;

1 2. After such notice is filed, petitions seeking recognition of
2 a political party, in a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of
3 the State Election Board, shall be filed with such Secretary,
4 bearing the signatures of registered voters equal to at least ~~five~~
5 ~~percent (5%)~~ one percent (1%) of the total votes cast in the last
6 General Election ~~either for Governor or for electors for President~~
7 ~~and Vice President~~. Each page of such petitions must contain the
8 names of registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be
9 circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided
10 that petitions shall be filed with the Secretary no later than March
11 1 of an even-numbered year. Such petitions shall not be circulated
12 between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered year; and

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

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated
22 02/18/2015 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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