An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2181

By: Hickman, Cooksey and Lockhart of the House

and

Quinn and Holt of the Senate

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

SUBJECT: Formation of political parties

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

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

Section 1-108. 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 ~~five percent (5%)~~ <u>three percent (3%)</u> of the total votes cast in the last

General Election ~~either~~ for Governor ~~or for electors for President and Vice President~~. Each page of such petitions must contain the names of registered voters from a single county. Petitions may be circulated a maximum of one (1) year after notice is filed, provided that petitions shall be filed with the Secretary no later than March 1 of an even-numbered year. Such petitions shall not be circulated between March 1 and November 15 of any even-numbered year; and

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 11th
day of May, 2015, at 5:20 o'clock P M.
By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 12th
day of May, 2015, at 3:45 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 12th
day of May, 2015, at 4:31 o'clock P. M.
By: Chris Benge