

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 896

By: Loveless of the Senate

and

Murphey of the House

An Act relating to political parties; amending 26 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, which relates to political party recognition; modifying circumstances under which political party ceases to be recognized; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Political party recognition

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, 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 ~~ten percent (10%)~~ 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. ~~Said~~ A party may regain recognition only by following the procedure prescribed for formation of new political parties. The State Election Board shall proclaim the fact of a party's failure to receive a sufficient number of votes and shall order that ~~said~~ the party cease to be recognized.

B. Any recognized political party that ceases to be recognized under provisions of this section shall be designated as a political organization. Such political organization designation shall

terminate four (4) years from the date that the political party ceases to be recognized or when the political organization regains recognition as a political party, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2016.

Eddie Fike  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2016.

John D. Jones  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 2<sup>nd</sup>

day of May, 20 16, at 2:40 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 5<sup>th</sup>

day of May, 20 16, at 3:00 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 5<sup>th</sup>

day of May, 20 16, at 3:38 o'clock P M.

By: Chris Benze