

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1565

                                  By: Echols

7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,  
9                   Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 251,  
10                   O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1-109),  
                          which relates to political parties; modifying when a  
11                   political party ceases to be recognized; 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 1-109, as  
15                   amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
16                   Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

17                   Section 1-109. A. Any recognized political party ~~whose nominee~~  
18                   ~~for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice~~  
19                   ~~President fail to receive at least two and one half percent (2.5%)~~  
20                   ~~of the total votes cast for said offices in any General Election~~  
21                   ~~shall cease to be a recognized political party. A shall continue to~~  
22                   be a recognized political party if a candidate of that party for any  
23                   statewide elected office receives at least two and one half percent  
24                   (2.5%) of the total votes cast for the office in any of the

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

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

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, dated  
16 02/15/2017 - DO PASS.

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