

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 1, 2017

3 SENATE BILL NO. 350

By: Holt

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6 An Act relating to political parties; amending 26
7 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1,
8 Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section
9 1-109), which relates to recognition of political
10 parties; modifying circumstances under which
11 political party may retain recognition; and providing
12 an effective date.

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 either of the
preceding two (2) general elections. If such a political party

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

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
14 March 1, 2017 - DO PASS
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