

Section 1: The Political Party Qualification Standards Act

Section 2: Amendments to KS Stat § 25-302

Article 3. - INDEPENDENT AND OTHER NOMINATION CERTIFICATES; TERMS OF OFFICE; FILLING VACANCIES

25-302a. Official recognition of political party; petition for; form, contents, requirements and filing; sufficiency; name of party; petition circulator. Any political party seeking official recognition in this state after the effective date of this act shall file in its behalf, not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary election held on the first Tuesday of August in even-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday petitions signed by 5,000 qualified electors. ~~equal in number to at least 2% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the office of governor in the state in the last preceding general election.~~ Such petitions shall declare support for the official recognition of a political party, the name of which shall be stated in the declaration. No political party seeking official recognition shall assume a name or designation which, in the opinion of the secretary of state, is unreasonably lengthy or so similar to the name or designation of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

Section 3. If any provision of this act is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.