

Section 1: The Political Party Qualification Standards Act

Section 2: Amendments to LA Rev Stat § 18:441

§441. Recognition

(7) The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Section. Any act or omission of the secretary of state in the implementation of the provisions of this Subsection shall be reviewable upon filing a petition for judicial review in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

NOTE: Paragraph (C)(1) eff. until Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. until Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640. See Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1.

C.(1) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least ~~five~~ 1% percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least ~~five~~ 1% percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

NOTE: Paragraph (C)(1) as amended by Acts 2024, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, eff. Aug. 1, 2025, for certain purposes, and eff. Jan. 1, 2026, for all other purposes. See Acts 2024, No. 640.

C.(1)(a) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least ~~five~~ 1% percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least ~~five~~ 1% percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

(b) Only political parties that are recognized in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be entitled to participate in party primary elections held in accordance with this Code.

(2) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall no longer be recognized if, within any period of four consecutive years, the party no longer complies with the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

D.(1) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors, nor shall such party be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446, unless at least ~~five~~ 1% percent of the registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political

party. A political party that has been recognized pursuant to Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors nor be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446 unless such candidate as provided for in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section received at least ~~ten~~ 5% percent of the votes cast for such office in the most recent election in which a candidate for such party received the number of votes as specified in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section.

(2) Any political party recognized pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section shall not be considered to be a recognized political party pursuant to R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

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.