

House Bill 3128

Sponsored by Representative BARKER; Representatives AVAKIAN, KROFF, Senator GEORGE (at the request of Libertarian Party of Oregon)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows minor political party to qualify as major political party if minor political party has existed for 12 consecutive years with same name and maintains number of registered members equal to at least one-half of one percent of total number of registered voters in state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to political parties.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 248.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) In addition to the provisions of ORS 248.006, a minor political party be-**
6 **comes a major political party in this state, qualified to make nominations at a primary**
7 **election, when the Secretary of State determines that:**

8 (a) **The minor political party has maintained status as a minor political party in this state**
9 **for at least 12 consecutive years;**

10 (b) **The minor political party has not changed the name of the party during the 12 con-**
11 **secutive years; and**

12 (c) **A number of electors equal to at least one-half of one percent of the total number**
13 **of electors registered in this state are registered as members of the party not later than the**
14 **275th day before the date of a primary election.**

15 (2) **A minor political party satisfying the requirements of subsection (1) of this section**
16 **shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 248.007 on the date the Secretary of State deter-**
17 **mines the requirements described in subsection (1) of this section are satisfied.**

18 (3) **The number of electors described in subsection (1) of this section shall be calculated**
19 **based on the number of electors registered in this state and eligible to vote, as reported on**
20 **the official abstracts of the election, at the general election immediately preceding the**
21 **deadline specified in subsection (1) of this section.**

22 (4) **After a minor political party becomes a major political party under subsection (1) of**
23 **this section, in order to maintain status as a major political party subject to ORS 248.007,**
24 **the party must satisfy the registration requirement of subsection (1) of this section not later**
25 **than the 275th day before each primary election.**

26 (5) **A minor political party that qualified as a major political party under this section**
27 **ceases to be a major political party if the registration requirements of subsection (1) of this**
28 **section are not satisfied by the 275th day before each primary election or if the major poli-**
29 **tical party changes its name. The political party ceases to be a major political party on the**
30 **date the Secretary of State determines that the registration requirement is not satisfied or**

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1 that the major political party changed its name. The party shall be considered a minor poli-
2 tical party subject to the requirements of ORS 248.008.

3 (6) When a minor political party has not satisfied the registration requirement of sub-
4 section (1) of this section for the first time, at the request of a representative of the minor
5 political party, the Secretary of State shall determine not less than once each month
6 whether at least one-half of one percent of the total number of electors registered in this
7 state are registered as members of the party. After a minor political party has qualified as
8 a major political party under this section, the Secretary of State shall determine on the 274th
9 day before each primary election whether the major political party has satisfied the regis-
10 tration requirements described in subsection (4) of this section.

11 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2005 Act applies to minor political parties that qualify as
12 minor political parties prior to, on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.
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