



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Conference Committee Synopsis

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The Conference Committee recommends the bill as passed by the Senate with the following changes:

Topic	House Version	Senate Version	Conference Committee Recommendation
Political party formation petition requirement¹	<p>Requires a group that wishes to form a political party to submit a party formation petition signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least 0.5% of the total vote for Governor or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent election for such office.</p> <p>Requires the petition to be signed by not fewer than 500 qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of ½ of the congressional districts in the state.</p>	<p>Requires a group that wishes to form a political party to submit a party formation petition signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least 1% of the total vote for Governor or nominees for presidential electors at the most recent election for such office.</p> <p>Requires the petition to be signed by not fewer than 500 qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of ½ of the congressional districts in the state.</p>	Same as the Senate version.

¹ R.C. 3517.01(A)(1)(b).

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Modified political party formation petition requirement for 2014²	Requires a group that wishes to form a political party and nominate candidates for the 2014 general election to submit a party formation petition signed by at least 10,000 qualified electors.	No provision.	<p>Requires a group of voters who wish to form a minor political party and nominate candidates for the 2014 general election, including a group of voters who have previously been recognized as a political party by court order or a directive issued by the Secretary of State to submit a party formation petition signed by qualified electors of the state of Ohio equal in number to at least 0.5% of the total vote for nominees for presidential electors at the 2012 general election.</p> <p>Requires the petition to be signed by not fewer than 500 qualified electors from each of at least a minimum of ½ of the congressional districts in the state.</p>
Requirement to remain a political party³	Requires the party's candidate for Governor or nominees for presidential electors to have received at least 2% of the entire vote cast for that office at the most recent regular state election.	Requires the party's candidate for Governor or nominees for presidential electors to have received at least 3% of the entire vote cast for that office at the most recent regular state election.	Same as the Senate version.

² Section 4 of the bill.

³ R.C. 3501.01(F) and 3517.01(A)(1)(a).

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	Specifies that a party that meets that requirement remains a political party for a period of 4 years after meeting that requirement.	Specifies that a party that meets that requirement remains a political party for a period of 4 years after meeting that requirement.	
Modified requirement to remain a political party in 2014⁴	No provision.	No provision.	Specifies that a party whose candidate for Governor receives at least 2% but less than 20% of the entire vote cast for that office at the 2014 general election remains a minor political party for a period of 4 years after meeting that requirement.
Emergency clause⁵	No provision.	Declares an emergency.	No provision.

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