

1 the state ~~shall be~~ is a political party within the meaning and for
2 the purpose of this chapter: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the
3 foregoing provisions of this section, the governing body of ~~any a~~
4 municipality may, by ordinance adopted by the affirmative vote of
5 at least three fourths of the members of ~~such~~ the governing body by
6 recorded vote, provide that municipal political parties or groups
7 within ~~such~~ the municipality that do not meet the requirements of
8 this section for classification as a political party may
9 participate in the primary elections of ~~any such~~ the municipality.
10 Any such ordinance shall contain provisions implementing the
11 foregoing proviso, which implementing provisions shall conform as
12 nearly as practicable to ~~any~~ general provisions of law relating to
13 municipal primary elections.

14 (b) A political party that has received at least one percent
15 of the votes in the preceding general election for a statewide
16 office or has at least one thousand voters registered as members of
17 that party has official ballot status.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide official ballot status to a political party that has received at least one percent of the votes in the preceding general election for a statewide office or has at least one thousand voters registered as members of that party.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.