

## **SECTION .0300 – PETITIONS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A POLITICAL PARTY**

### **08 NCAC 22 .0301 NEW PARTY PETITIONS**

(a) This Section shall only apply to new party petitions.

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

- (1) "New party petition" means a petition to be recognized as a political party pursuant to G.S. 163-96.
- (2) "Prospective party" means a political party, including its officers and organizers, seeking recognition as a political party in the State through a new party petition.
- (3) "Signature threshold requirement" means the number of verified signatures necessary to meet the signature threshold in G.S. 163-96(a)(2), measured by the combined number of votes cast for all candidates in the most recent general election for Governor.
- (4) "Target election" means the first statewide general election in which the proposed political party desires to participate.

(c) For the purposes of this Chapter, the final action on a new party petition shall be the State Board's decision whether to recognize the petitioning party as a political party in North Carolina pursuant to Rule .0306 of this Section.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-96;  
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