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**Assembly Floor Alert**

**AB 477 (Mullin) – Green Party elections – Support**

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The Peace and Freedom Party of California **supports AB 477 and urges members of the Assembly to concur in the Senate's amendments.**

AB 477 was amended in the Senate to add sections to the Elections Code governing the California Green Party, similar to existing sections governing the American Independent, Democratic, Peace and Freedom, and Republican parties. It also makes minor but useful improvements in the procedures for resolving questions about vote-by-mail and provisional ballots.

The Peace and Freedom Party is keenly aware of the importance of having our own sections of the Elections Code. We first obtained ballot status in California in January 1968. We were subsequently asked to send a representative to serve on a Joint Committee for Revision of the Elections Code. Formed in 1971. Our representative introduced sections for our Presidential primaries and for our party organization and operations. These proposals were largely accepted by the Joint Committee, passed into law and signed by the Governor in 1976. Our code sections have served us well over the years.

When they obtained ballot status, the Libertarian Party (in 1978) and the Green Party (in 1992) both chose to use the Peace and Freedom Party's code sections until their own could be adopted by the Legislature. But both made efforts to have their own rules adopted.

The Green Party has been working toward the adoption of its own code sections for a long time. We fully support that effort and are pleased to endorse this bill.

**We urge the the Assembly to concur in the Senate's amendments and add sections governing the Green Party to the Elections Code.**