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Assembly Floor Alert

SB-568 (Lara) – Primary elections: election date – “Oppose”

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The Peace and Freedom Party of California **opposes SB-568 and urges members of the Assembly to vote NO.**

This bill would seriously lengthen the already-too-long election cycle, with the likely result of fewer voters participating in a primary election, especially a gubernatorial primary, and possibly the general election as well.

All candidates would have to begin the nomination process of their election campaign the year prior to the primary and general election. Some issues may not be known at the time of such an early start date and as such some would be candidates may not become candidates.

Candidates seeking to qualify for the primary ballot by gathering signatures in lieu of filing fees would have to collect those signatures 14 months before the general election. This is a time when voters are not thinking about the upcoming elections. As a result, this would hamper signature gathering.

American election cycles are much too long. This bill would only make the problem worse, therefore:

Peace and Freedom Party urges members of the Assembly to vote No on SB-568.