

Citizens Call to Revoke Registry of Mexico's Green Party



Mexico City, April 07 (teleSUR-RHC) With the official launch of midterm election campaign for nearly 2,000 local and federal seats beginning on Sunday, a growing number of Mexican citizens are seeking to revoke the registration of one party that has racked-up millions of dollars in fines for its abuse of campaign propaganda.

Over 21,000 voters have signed an online petition to revoke the registration of the Ecologist Green Party of Mexico (PVEM), which has been fined at least 10 times by the country's electoral disputes tribunal for abuse of campaign propaganda.

The party is closely allied with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), and analysts have accused the PVEM of effectively being an offshoot of the PRI. The fines have amounted to more than \$12 million. The most recent fine comes after the party utilized environment-damaging materials in free campaign calendars.

"The Green Party of Mexico has become a successful strategy in breaking the law and acquiring minor sanctions, which are paid for by public funds which it receives for being a party. All this shows that impunity reigns in our country," reads the online petition on www.change.org.

"The fines are insufficient to punish those who scorn the law and institutions and it is mockery of democracy and our citizens," continues the petition.

The petition is addressed to the National Electoral Institute, declaring that PVEM registration violates article 94 of the General Law for Political Parties, which states that a party can lose its registry if it "seriously and systematically breaches or is unable to fulfill, according to the opinion of the General Council of the Institute or of local public bodies, as applicable, the obligations outlined in electoral regulations."

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