Proposal IDB#00-5:

The Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party offers the following:

To amend the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party; to permit the Convention or the Council to provide for a system of dues sharing; to direct the filing of the amended bylaws of the Party with the Secretary of State; and for other purposes.

> A Resolution of the 2001 Nominating Convention of The Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party at its Phone Conference Meeting, Monday, April 16th, reviewed the following proposed by-laws amendment, as it had been published as IDB#00-4:33, as required by the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article III., Ratification and Amendment of By-Laws, Section B. Amendment; and

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party has resolved that the following proposed by-laws amendment be put before the Annual Convention called for May 19th, 2001.

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article VII., Membership, Section A. Qualifications and standards for members, is amended by striking paragraph 3, in its entirety and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

3. Dues

Members in good standing shall have their dues paid up to date as specified in policies and procedures adopted by an Annual Convention or the Coordinating Council. While no member shall be assessed for dues to a confederal level in which s/he or they do not wish to be an active or supporting member, all members of the Georgia Green Party shall be encouraged to support the Greens at all confederal levels.

(a) Dues for individual members who are also members of their local Green chapter may be set at a lower level than for unaffiliated individual members where those dues are paid by their local to the Georgia Green Party. The Coordinating Council shall adopt policies and procedures for accepting in-kind service in lieu of membership dues and/ or assessments on a sliding scale from applicants of modest means.

(b) The Annual Convention shall set <u>may provide for</u> an annual assessment for affiliated local chapters, providing for a sliding scale to accomodate locals with small or poor memberships. The Convention or the Coordinating Council may provide for a policy on dues sharing and may provide for discounted local assessments for Local Affiliates who participate in a dues sharing program.

Resolved, further, that The Secretary and a Co-Chair of the Party are directed to file with the Secretary of State, and consistent with O.C.G.A. 21-2-110, the By-laws of the Party as amended to reflect the adoption of this amendment, a copy of this amendment, their certificate that such rules are a true and correct copy of the Nominating Convention Rules of the Party and a \$2.00 filing fee. The Treasurer is authorized to expend or to reimburse from Party funds, the costs of filing such Rules amendments with the Secretary of State.