Basic information

2014/2165(REG) REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure	Procedure completed
Verification of credentials **Subject** 8.40.01.02 President, members, mandates, political groups	

Key players

	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
European Parliament	JURI Legal Affairs	SVOBODA Pavel (PPE)	23/10/2014
		Shadow rapporteur DZHAMBAZKI Angel (ECR) CAVADA Jean-Marie (ALDE)	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/11/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/01/2015	Vote in committee		
28/01/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary	A8-0013/2015	Summary
11/02/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0028/2015	Summary
11/02/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/02/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	JURI/8/01830

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Committee draft report		PE541.585	19/11/2014	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE544.196	12/12/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A8-0013/2015	28/01/2015	Summary
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Additional information		
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Verification of credentials

2014/2165(REG) - 11/02/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament by 657 votes to 27, with 24 abstentions **declared valid**, subject to any decisions by the competent authorities of Member States in which the election results have been disputed, the **mandate of the Members of the European Parliament** listed in the annex to this decision whose election has been notified by the competent national authorities and who have made the written declarations as regards the offices that are incompatible with the office of Member of the European Parliament, their professional activities and any other remunerated functions or activities.

The list of Members of the European Parliament whose mandate is declared valid is annexed to the draft decision of the European Parliament.

The authorities of the Member States are called upon to:

- notify the Parliament of all the names of the elected candidates and also to forward the names of any substitutes, together with their ranking in accordance with the results of the vote;
- complete without delay the examination of the disputes referred to them and to notify Parliament of the results.

Members noted that the nationals of certain Member States who have been living in another country for a given period of time can be deprived of the right to vote in their home Member State (disenfranchisement). They considered that disenfranchisement is tantamount to punishing nationals who have exercised the right of free movement within the EU, to denying them their right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections to the European Parliament in their Member State of residence and to violating the principle of direct universal suffrage.

They stated that **under no circumstances may disenfranchisement apply to European elections** and called on the Commission to ensure that none of the Member States provides for that possibility.

Parliament called on the Member States to ensure that the registration formalities relating to the participation of nationals of other Member States in the European elections, whether as voters or as candidates, are simplified.

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2014/2165(REG) - 28/01/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report by Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ) on the verification of credentials.

The committee proposed that the Parliament **declare valid**, subject to any decisions by the competent authorities of Member States in which the election results have been disputed, **the mandate of the Members of the European Parliament listed in the annex to this decision whose election has been notified by the competent national authorities** and who have made the written declarations as regards their professional activities and any other remunerated functions or activities.

The list of Members of the European Parliament whose mandate is declared valid is annexed to the draft decision of the European Parliament.

The authorities of the Member States are called upon to:

- notify the Parliament of all the names of the elected candidates and also to forward the names of any substitutes, together with their ranking in accordance with the results of the vote;
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Member States are called upon to ensure that the registration formalities relating to the participation of nationals of other Member States in the European elections are simplified.