Basic information

2025/0900(APP) APP - Consent procedure	Awaiting final decision
Amendment of the European Electoral Act allowing Members to vote in plenary by proxy voting during pregnancy and after giving birth See also 2025/2195(INL) **Subject** 8.40.01.01 Elections, direct universal suffrage	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/11/2025	Preparatory document	T10-0257/2025	
17/03/2026	Legislative proposal published	06708/2026	
27/04/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

27/04/2026	Vote in committee		
27/04/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0123/2026	
29/04/2026	Decision by Parliament	T10-0124/2026	Summary
29/04/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/0900(APP)
Procedure type	APP - Consent procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Amendments and repeals	See also 2025/2195(INL)
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	AFCO/10/04503

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Preparatory document		T10-0257/2025	13/11/2025	
Committee draft report		PE786.666	25/03/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0123/2026	27/04/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0124/2026	29/04/2026	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	06708/2026	17/03/2026	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Amendment of the European Electoral Act allowing Members to vote in plenary by proxy voting during pregnancy and after giving birth

2025/0900(APP) - 29/04/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 616 votes, to 24, with 8 abstentions (following a special legislative procedure), a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Council Decision 76/787/ECSC, EEC, Euratom of 20 September 1976.

The European Parliament **gave its consent** to the draft decision of the Council.

As a reminder, on 13 November 2025, Parliament adopted a proposal to reform the European electoral act to permit Members of the European Parliament who are pregnant or who have just given birth to cast their vote in plenary sessions by proxy voting.

Under the proposed amendment, a Member of Parliament who is pregnant or who has recently given birth would be able to delegate their plenary voting rights to another Member for a maximum duration of three months before the estimated date of birth and a maximum duration of six months after the birth. This amendment is designed to accommodate the unique health, physical, and logistical challenges faced by those Members, thereby enabling them to fully participate in the legislative process without being compelled to attend plenary sessions in person.

This legislative initiative reflects Parliament’s long-standing commitment to promote inclusivity, gender equality and family-friendly working conditions.

As provided for in the special legislative procedure laid down in Article 223(1) TFEU, once Parliament has adopted its legislative initiative on proxy voting, this proposal is transmitted to the Council. The Council must adopt unanimously its position on the proposal and then it must request the consent from Parliament. The Council has adopted its position on proxy voting on 17 March 2026 and transmitted it to Parliament for its consent.