

Basic information	
2025/2195(INL)	Procedure completed
INL - Legislative initiative procedure	
Proxy voting in plenary for Members during pregnancy and after giving birth	
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
09/10/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2025	Vote in committee		
05/11/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0214/2025	
13/11/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0257/2025	Summary
13/11/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/2195(INL)

Procedure type	INL - Legislative initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislative initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 46
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/10/04144

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE778.275	09/10/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE778.335	17/10/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0214/2025	05/11/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0257/2025	13/11/2025	Summary

Additional information			
Source	Document	Date	
European Commission	EUR-Lex		

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2025/2195(INL) - 13/11/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 605 votes to 30, with 5 abstentions, a legislative resolution of the European Parliament on the amendment of the European Electoral act, allowing Members to vote in plenary by proxy voting during pregnancy and after giving birth.

Parliament decided to strengthen maternity rules for female Members of the European Parliament who wish to continue to perform their parliamentary duties.

Members proposed a **targeted revision of the European Electoral Act** enabling Members to delegate their plenary vote to another Member of their choice during pregnancy and after giving birth.

The proposed decision adopted by Parliament and submitted to the Council stipulates that a Member who is pregnant or who has given birth may have her vote cast by another Member acting as proxy for a maximum period of three months before the estimated date of birth of the child and for a maximum period of six months after the birth.

Members believe that this reform will allow Members, in the periods immediately before and after becoming mothers, to fully exercise their mandates, improving institutional fairness and inclusion in the European Parliament.