








Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2018/0805(CNS)	Procedure completed
Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage		
Subject 8.40.01.01 Elections, direct universal suffrage		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Constitutional Affairs		21/03/2018
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3618	22/05/2018

Key events			
28/03/2018	Legislative proposal published	07162/2018	Summary
16/04/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/2018	Vote in committee		
16/04/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0145/2018	Summary

18/04/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/04/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0107/2018	Summary
22/05/2018	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/05/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/05/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0805(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/8/12632

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	07162/2018	28/03/2018	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	PE620.727	03/04/2018	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE620.874	12/04/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0145/2018	16/04/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0107/2018	18/04/2018	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2018/767](#)
[OJ L 129 25.05.2018, p. 0076](#) Summary

Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

PURPOSE: to fix the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: by its Decision 78/639/Euratom, ECSC, EEC, the Council fixed the period for the first election of representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage from 7 to 10 June 1979.

Since it is not possible to hold the ninth election during the corresponding period of 2019, another electoral period must be fixed.

CONTENT: the Council proposes to hold the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage during the period from 23 to 26 May 2019.

Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal

suffrage

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs adopted, under the consultation procedure, the report by Danuta Maria HÜBNER (EPP, PL) on the draft Council decision fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the Council draft which seeks to modify the period during which the forthcoming European elections would otherwise have been held.

Member States agreed in the Council that it would be impossible to hold the next European Parliament elections during the normally applicable dates (Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 June 2019) in accordance with the Act concerning the election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage ("the Electoral Act").

They therefore proposed, pending consultation of the European Parliament, to hold the elections during the period from 23 to 26 May 2019. The same period was suggested by the Conference of Presidents of the Parliament in their meeting of 11 January 2018.

In order to allow Member States sufficient time to take the necessary steps to organise these elections, the decision on these new dates should be taken as soon as possible. It is therefore recommended that the draft Council decision be approved as it stands.

Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

The European Parliament adopted by 492 votes to 14, with 24 abstentions, following the consultation procedure, a European Parliament legislative resolution on the draft Council decision fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

The European Parliament approved the Council draft to hold the European elections during the period from 23 to 26 May 2019.

It recalled its proposal, attached to its [resolution](#) on the reform of the European Union's electoral law, to grant Parliament, after consulting the Council, the power to determine the electoral period.

Period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

PURPOSE: to fix the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2018/767 fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.

CONTENT: pursuant to this Decision, the period referred to in Article 10(1) of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage shall be from 23 to 26 May 2019 for the ninth election.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.5.2018.