

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : III - 227

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Status : - Alternate

Article III-227 (ex Article 190) (*Composition of the European Parliament*)

1. The European Parliament shall draw up a proposal for a European law for the election of its Members by direct universal suffrage **and by a system of proportional representation**, in accordance with a uniform procedure in all Member States or in accordance with principles common to all Member States.

The Council shall, acting unanimously after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament, which shall act by a majority of its component members, adopt the law referred to in the preceding subparagraph, which it shall recommend to Member States for adoption in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

2. A European law of the European Parliament, adopted on its own initiative, shall lay down the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the duties of its Members. The European Parliament shall act after seeking an opinion from the Commission and with the approval of the Council. All rules or conditions relating to the taxation of Members or former Members shall require unanimity within the Council.

3. Throughout the 2004-2009 Parliament, the composition of the European Parliament shall be as set out in the Protocol on the Representation of Citizens in the European Parliament.

Explanation (if any):

The elections of the European Parliament should be based on a system of proportional representation in all Member States.