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Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure on proxy voting during pregnancy and immediately after childbirth

(2026/2105(REG))

Amendment 11

Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 2

Proposal for a decision

2. Decides that the amendments shall enter into force on the date on which both Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2026/1296 of 26 May 2026 amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage and the corresponding amendments to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament have entered into force; decides that the amendments empowering the Bureau to adopt implementing measures shall however apply from the date that this decision is adopted;

Amendment

2. Decides that the amendments shall enter into force on the date on which both Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2026/1296 of 26 May 2026 amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage and the corresponding amendments to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament have entered into force; decides that the amendments empowering the Bureau to adopt implementing measures shall however apply from the date that this decision is adopted; ***decides that the Bureau shall lay down only the technical and administrative arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Rule, including arrangements for registration, revocation and relinquishment, supporting documents, secret ballots, corrections to votes and applicable technical deadlines; decides that those arrangements shall neither restrict nor extend the rights laid down in the new Rule 193a, nor alter the conditions laid down therein; decides that the arrangements laid down by the Bureau shall ensure the secrecy of secret ballots and the transparency, accountability, traceability, legal certainty and integrity of voting by proxy;***

Or. en

Amendment 12

Daniel Freund

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Carolina Morace, Sandro Gozi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

2a. Stresses that the newly adopted provisions allowing proxy voting during pregnancy and immediately after childbirth are limited to mothers, importantly introducing a system, which aims to allow Members, in the periods immediately before and after becoming mothers, to fully exercise their mandates and to promote the participation of mothers in politics; commits to further reflect on the possible extension of these provisions, taking into account practical implementation and the diverse realities of parenthood;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Carolina Morace, Sandro Gozi

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

2b. Believes that further reflection on these provisions is needed to ensure that measures concerning the participation in parliamentary work respect the principle of equal treatment and do not discriminate against Members;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Carolina Morace, Sandro Gozi

**Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 2 c (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

2c. Regrets that the possibility of proxy voting during pregnancy and immediately after childbirth is limited exclusively to mothers, thereby discriminating against other parents; invites Council and the relevant parliamentary bodies to further reflect on taking into account the different realities of parenthood, thereby ensuring that measures concerning the participation in parliamentary work respect the principle of equal treatment and do not discriminate against Members;

Or. en

**Amendment 15
Tobiasz Bocheński**

**Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – title (new)**

Present text

Amendment

Proxy voting during pregnancy and immediately after childbirth

Or. en

**Amendment 16
Tobiasz Bocheński**

**Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 1 (new)**

Present text

Amendment

1. By way of derogation from Rule 193, a Member who is pregnant or has given birth may have her vote cast in plenary by another Member acting as proxy, for a maximum period of three

months before the estimated date of birth and for a maximum period of six months after the day of birth.

Or. en

Amendment 17

Sandro Gozi, Ľubica Karvašová, Charles Goerens, Helmut Brandstätter

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 1 (new)

Present text

Amendment

1. By way of derogation from Rule 193, a Member who is pregnant or has given birth may have her vote cast in plenary by another Member of her respective political group or, if non-attached, another non-attached Member, acting as proxy, for a maximum period of three months before the estimated date of birth and for a maximum period of six months after the birth.

Or. en

Amendment 18

Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 (new)

Present text

Amendment

2. Voting by proxy shall be subject to the general conditions laid down in the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and to this Rule. The delegation shall authorise the proxy solely to cast a vote on behalf of the delegating Member; it shall neither transfer the parliamentary mandate or the power to

determine the content of the vote, nor confer any other procedural right to act on the delegating Member's behalf.

The delegating Member shall not be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum on the basis of the delegation. This shall be without prejudice to that Member being counted on the basis of her physical presence.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Tobiasz Bocheński

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 (new)

Present text

Amendment

2. Voting by proxy shall be subject to the general conditions laid down in the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and to this Rule. The delegation shall authorise the proxy solely to cast the delegating Member's vote. It shall confer no other right to act on her behalf.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 (new)

Present text

Amendment

2. Voting by proxy shall be subject to the general conditions laid down in the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and to the arrangements laid down in and pursuant to this Rule. The delegation shall authorise the proxy solely

to cast the delegating Member's vote and to represent her for the purpose of the quorum. It shall confer no other right to act on her behalf.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 (new)

Present text

Amendment

2. Voting by proxy shall be subject to the general conditions laid down in the Statute for Members of the European Parliament and to this Rule. The delegation shall authorise the proxy solely to cast the delegating Member's vote. It shall confer no other right to act on her behalf.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. Voting by proxy shall constitute a derogation from the principle of personal voting. It may be used exclusively on grounds of pregnancy or childbirth, subject to the conditions laid down in paragraph 1. Its use shall not be conditional upon proof that the Member is prevented from participating in person. Parliament shall facilitate the eligible Member's personal participation in plenary debates and votes where her circumstances permit.

Amendment 23
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 2 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

2a. For the calculation of a threshold pursuant to Rule 186(4), first indent, the delegating Member shall be considered as present when the delegated Member is present. For the calculation of thresholds in relation to an objection pursuant to Rule 187(6) or to a procedural motion pursuant to Rule 204(2), Rule 206(4) or Rule 207, the delegating Member shall be considered as expressing the same stance as the delegated Member.

Or. en

Amendment 24
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. The delegating Member shall freely designate another Member as proxy, with that Member's consent.

The delegation shall take effect upon registration by Parliament or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term, if either Member ceases to be a Member, or when the delegating Member is physically

present in the Chamber during a plenary sitting.

The delegating Member may revoke the delegation at any time. Revocation shall take effect upon verifiable notification to the proxy and to Parliament's designated service; its legal effect shall not be delayed by registration or technical requirements. Revocation shall not affect votes cast before it takes effect.

The delegating Member may designate a new proxy, and the proxy may relinquish the delegation. The new designation and relinquishment shall take effect from the beginning of a voting session, provided that they have been registered beforehand. This shall not restrict the delegating Member's right to revoke the delegation with immediate effect.

A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation. A delegation which has ended shall not revive; any subsequent exercise of voting by proxy shall require a new delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Tobiasz Bocheński

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. *The delegating Member shall designate another Member as proxy with that Member's consent. The delegation shall take effect upon registration by Parliament or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the day of birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term, if either Member ceases to be a Member, or when*

the delegating Member is physically present in the Chamber during a plenary sitting.

The delegating Member may revoke the delegation or designate a new proxy, and the proxy may relinquish the delegation, with effect only from the beginning of a voting session and provided that the relevant revocation, designation or relinquishment has been registered by Parliament beforehand.

A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation.

A delegation which has ended shall not revive; any subsequent exercise of voting by proxy shall require a new delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. *The delegating Member shall designate another Member as proxy with that Member's consent. The delegation shall take effect upon registration by Parliament or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term, if either Member ceases to be a Member, or when the delegating Member is physically present in the Chamber at the beginning of a voting session.*

With effect from the beginning of a voting session, the delegating Member may revoke the delegation or designate a new

proxy or suspend the delegation for a period of time, and the proxy may relinquish the delegation, provided that the relevant revocation, designation, suspension, or relinquishment has been registered beforehand.

A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation.

A delegation which has ended shall not revive; any subsequent exercise of voting by proxy shall require a new delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 27

Marieke Ehlers

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. The delegation shall take effect upon registration by the President or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall minimally last for one part session.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. The delegating Member shall designate another Member as proxy with that Member's consent. The proxy shall be a member of the same political group

to which the delegating Member belongs. Where the delegating Member is a non-attached Member, the proxy shall be another non-attached Member.

The delegation shall take effect upon registration by Parliament or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term, if either Member ceases to be a Member, or when the delegating Member is physically present in the Chamber during a plenary sitting.

The delegating Member may revoke the delegation or designate a new proxy, and the proxy may relinquish the delegation, with effect only from the beginning of a part session and provided that the relevant revocation, designation or relinquishment has been registered beforehand.

A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation.

A delegation which has ended shall not revive; any subsequent exercise of voting by proxy shall require a new delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Sandro Gozi, Ľubica Karvašová, Charles Goerens, Helmut Brandstätter

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. *The delegating Member shall designate another Member as proxy with that Member's consent. The delegation shall take effect upon registration by Parliament or on a later date specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating*

Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term, if either Member ceases to be a Member, or when the delegating Member is physically present in the Chamber during a plenary sitting. The delegating Member may revoke the delegation or designate a new proxy, and the proxy may relinquish the delegation, with effect only from the beginning of a part-session and provided that the relevant revocation, designation or relinquishment has been registered beforehand. A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation. A delegation which has ended shall not revive; any subsequent exercise of voting by proxy shall require a new delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 (new)

Present text

Amendment

3. *The delegating Member shall designate another Member as proxy with that Member's consent. The proxy shall be a member of the same political group to which the delegating Member belongs. The delegation shall take effect from the beginning of the part-session following its registration by the President or from the beginning of a subsequent part-session specified by the delegating Member. It shall end on the date specified by the delegating Member or, at the latest, six months after the birth. It shall also end at the end of the parliamentary term or if either Member ceases to be a Member. The delegating Member may suspend or revoke the delegation, and the proxy may*

terminate the delegation. The suspension, revocation or termination shall take effect from the beginning of the voting session following its registration by the President. A new delegation shall, upon taking effect, replace any previous delegation.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marieke Ehlers

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 3 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

3a. The delegating Member shall immediately inform the President of the proxy agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 5 (new)

Present text

Amendment

5. The proxy shall comply with the delegating Member's voting instructions applicable to the vote concerned; in the absence of such instructions, the proxy shall refrain from casting a vote on the delegating Member's behalf. The proxy shall not exercise independent political discretion on behalf of the delegating Member. The delegating Member's vote shall be cast and counted independently of the proxy's own vote.

Or. en

Amendment 33
Tobiasz Bocheński

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 5 (new)

Present text

Amendment

5. While a delegation is in force, only the proxy may cast the delegating Member's vote. The proxy may cast the delegating Member's vote differently from his or her own vote and may cast either vote without casting the other. Voting by proxy shall apply to all forms of voting in plenary, except secret ballots.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 5 (new)

Present text

Amendment

5. While a delegation is in force, only the proxy may cast the delegating Member's vote. The proxy's vote shall be counted a second time on behalf of the delegating Member. Voting by proxy shall apply to all forms of voting in plenary, including secret ballots.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 6 (new)

Present text

Amendment

6. A vote validly cast by proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member and shall have the same effect as a vote cast personally by that Member.

Where the proxy casts a vote under a delegation in force and while entitled to vote on behalf of the delegating Member, the absence of applicable voting instructions or a departure from those instructions shall not affect the validity of the vote or the voting result, even where the breach is subsequently established. This shall be without prejudice to the proxy's individual responsibility for breaches of his or her obligations.

Only the delegating Member may request a correction to a vote cast by proxy, under the conditions applicable to corrections to votes cast personally. The correction shall not affect the validity of the vote or the voting result.

No vote may be cast on behalf of the delegating Member in the absence of a delegation or after it has ceased to have effect. Disputes concerning the validity of a vote shall be dealt with under Rule 200. A subsequent investigation into the proxy's conduct and any resulting decision establishing responsibility shall not, in themselves, affect the voting result or a decision taken under Rule 200.

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Marieke Ehlers**

**Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 6 (new)**

Present text

Amendment

6. A vote validly cast by proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member and shall have the same effect as a vote cast personally by that Member.

For roll-call votes, the voting record shall identify the vote cast on behalf of the delegating Member and the Member who acted as proxy. Such information shall be made available to the delegating Member through a secure electronic system without undue delay following the vote.

Where the delegating Member considers that a vote cast on her behalf has been incorrectly recorded, she may personally submit a correction under the same conditions and within the same applicable deadline as for a vote cast personally. Such correction shall be made exclusively by the delegating Member and shall not require the intervention, consent or confirmation of the proxy.

A correction to a vote cast by proxy shall not affect the validity of the vote or the voting result.

Or. en

**Amendment 37
Juan Fernando López Aguilar**

**Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 6 (new)**

Present text

Amendment

6. A vote validly cast by proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member and shall have the same effect as a vote cast in person by that Member. The validity of a vote cast by proxy and the voting result shall not be affected by any disagreement between the delegating Member and the proxy. The Bureau shall ensure that the delegating Member has the possibility to correct her vote cast by proxy under the same conditions and in

the same manner as for a vote cast in person. Such a correction shall not affect the validity of the vote or the voting result.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 6 a (new)

Present text

Amendment

6a. The proxy shall be individually responsible for compliance with the obligations laid down in this Rule. Rule 183 shall apply in the event of a serious breach of those obligations.

Where it is established that the proxy cast a vote in the absence of applicable voting instructions or contrary to those instructions, the vote cast shall not be presented in Parliament's official communications as the delegating Member's own voting decision.

The secrecy of secret ballots shall be respected when applying this provision. Paragraph 6 shall apply to the validity of the vote and the voting result. Disputes concerning the validity of a vote shall be dealt with under Rule 200.

Or. en

Amendment 39

Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Rules of Procedure

Rule 193 a – paragraph 7 (new)

Present text

Amendment

7. The delegating Member may submit a written explanation of a vote cast on her behalf under the same conditions

as if she had cast it personally, but may not give an oral explanation. The proxy may not give or submit an explanation of vote on behalf of the delegating Member. For roll-call votes, the name of the proxy shall be recorded in the minutes of the sitting and the published results shall indicate that the vote was cast by proxy.

Or. en

Amendment 40
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 7 (new)

Present text

Amendment

7. The delegating Member may submit a written explanation of a vote cast on her behalf under the same conditions as if she had cast it in person, but may not give an oral explanation. The proxy may not give or submit an explanation of vote on behalf of the delegating Member. Both the name of the delegating Member and the name of the proxy shall be recorded in the minutes of the sitting and the published voting results shall clearly indicate votes cast by proxy.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 8 (new)

Present text

Amendment

8. Except for votes attributed to the delegating Member under paragraph 6, no support, objection, request, signature, procedural motion or other parliamentary

act of the proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Tobiasz Bocheński

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 8 (new)

Present text

Amendment

8. *Except for votes cast in accordance with this Rule, no support, objection, request, signature, procedural motion or other parliamentary act of the proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member.*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 8 (new)

Present text

Amendment

8. *A delegating Member shall not be deemed present for the purposes of a quorum or any other threshold solely by reason of the presence of the proxy. Except for votes cast in accordance with this Rule, no support, objection, request, signature, procedural motion or other parliamentary act of the proxy shall be attributed to the delegating Member.*

Or. en

Amendment 44
Csaba Bogdán

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 9 (new)

Present text

Amendment

9. The implementing arrangements shall ensure the verifiability of the delegating Member's voting instructions, the effective implementation of revocation of the delegation, the prevention of double voting, and the possibility of investigating breaches of obligations. For roll-call votes, they shall ensure that the delegating Member has access to information on the vote cast on her behalf. These safeguards shall be implemented in compliance with data protection requirements and the secrecy of secret ballots.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Tobiasz Bocheński

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 9 (new)

Present text

Amendment

9. The Bureau shall lay down the technical and administrative arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Rule, including arrangements for registration, revocation and relinquishment, supporting documents, corrections to votes and applicable technical deadlines. Those arrangements shall neither restrict nor extend the rights laid down in this Rule, nor alter the conditions laid down therein. Those arrangements shall ensure the transparency, accountability, traceability, legal certainty and integrity of voting by proxy.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Daniel Freund
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 9 (new)

Present text

Amendment

9. The Bureau shall lay down only the technical and administrative arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Rule, including arrangements for registration, revocation and relinquishment, supporting documents, secret ballots, corrections to votes and applicable technical deadlines.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 9 (new)

Present text

Amendment

9. The Bureau shall lay down the practical arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Rule, including the forms for the delegation and for its suspension, revocation and termination, and the applicable deadlines for their submission, as well as the list of supporting documents to be submitted.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Loránt Vincze, Ana Miguel Pedro

Rules of Procedure
Rule 193 a – paragraph 9 (new)

Present text

Amendment

9. *The Bureau shall lay down only the technical and administrative arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Rule.*

Or. en

Justification

The proposal for a decision sets out the details of the Bureau's implementing powers with regard to this new Rule.