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EU-proposal: election of the Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

No. 5

MOTION BY MP LEIJTEN AND OTHERS

Proposed on 30 June 2022

The House,

having heard the deliberations,

noting that the proposal for the amendment of the EU Electoral Act as included in the legislative resolution of the European Parliament dated 3 May 2022, involves Member States having no, or only a limited, say on:

- the way in which votes may be cast, such as the obligation to allow voting by post;
- the day upon which European elections may be held;
- rules concerning campaigning and opinion polls for European elections;
- political parties' control over party democracy and gender equality when drawing up lists of candidates for European parliamentary elections;

noting that only recently in the Dutch parliament a discussion took place, and is still ongoing, on the freedom of political parties concerning campaigning, opinion polls, allowing voting by post and rules with regard to party democracy;

being of the opinion that it is of great democratic importance that national parliaments maintain control of the organisation of elections in their own country;

states that in the context of the yellow card procedure as described in Protocol No. 2 of the Treaty on European Union, in view of the points above mentioned, it is of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is not in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity,

and proceeds to the order of the day.

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