

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of: Part III, Article 227**

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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 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. **Subject to the provisions of Article I – 19.2, 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.

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### **Explanation**

It is not clear what is meant by ‘component Member’. This phrase should be deleted throughout subsection 1.

It is important that the principles of Article 19 be respected. The European Council may agree that the Nice arrangements should continue after 2009, therefore there is no need to include any dates in this article.