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# **PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE**

pursuant to Rule 212 of the Rules of Procedure

Amendment of Rules 166 (Final vote) and 195(3) (Voting in committee)

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**Amendment of Rules 166 (Final vote) and 195(3) (Voting in committee)**

**Amendment 1**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 166**

*Present text*

*When voting on any proposal for a legislative act, whether by way of a single and/or final vote, Parliament shall **vote** by roll call using the electronic voting system.*

*Amendment*

*Any final vote **on a report drawn up by** Parliament shall **be adopted** by roll call using the electronic voting system.*

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*Justification*

*Taking into account the study 'Democratic scrutiny, transparency, and modalities of vote in the national parliaments of the Member States and in the European Parliament' produced at the request of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, the proposed change to the Rules of Procedure aims to align Parliament's practice with the best practices in other parliaments of the European Union.*

*The proposed amendment will also increase transparency and thus the democratic accountability of Members to the electorate and citizens. Voters have a right to know how their elected representatives have voted in order to be able to hold them to account.*

**Amendment 2**

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

**Rule 195 – paragraph 3**

*Present text*

3. Voting in committee shall be by show of hands, unless a quarter of the committee's members request a vote by roll call. In this case the vote shall be taken in accordance with Rule 167(2).

*Amendment*

3. Voting in committee shall be by show of hands, unless **it is a final vote on a report drawn up by the committee or** a quarter of the committee's members request a vote by roll call. In this case the vote shall be taken in accordance with Rule 167(2).

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