Fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage *

European Parliament legislative resolution of 18 April 2018 on the draft Council decision fixing the period for the ninth election of representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (07162/2018 – C8-0128/2018 – 2018/0805(CNS))

(Consultation)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Council draft (07162/2018),
– having regard to Article 11(2), second subparagraph, of the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage¹, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0128/2018),
– having regard to its resolution of 11 November 2015 on the reform of the electoral law of the European Union²,
– having regard to its resolution of 7 February 2018 on the composition of the European Parliament³,
– having regard to Rule 78c of its Rules of Procedure,
– having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A8-0145/2018),

1. Approves the Council draft;
2. Recalls its proposal, attached to its resolution on the reform of the electoral law of the European Union, for the European Parliament to have the power, after consulting the Council, to determine the electoral period;

3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the text approved by Parliament;

5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, and, for information, to the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.