

The February 2015 Clark

Fourth Clark of the 47th Ziu

1. Results of the December 2014 Clark

The following bills received Royal Assent and have been passed into law:

47RZ13 – The Great Reform (No 2: Finance) Bill

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivă (Senator-FV)

Agreed to by the Cosă 149-11 (6 abstained), by the Senäts 6-1

47RZ14 – The Legislative Typos and Nitpicking Bill

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivă (Senator-FV)

Agreed to by the Cosă 93-57 (16 abstained), by the Senäts 4-1 (2 abstained)

The Cosă passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 109-57 .

Members of the Cosă voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 13	RZ 14	VoC
C. Carlüs Xheraltescu	LIB	7	Per	Per	Üc
Éovart Andrinescu	LIB	6	Per	Per	Üc
Tierçeu Rôibeardescu	LIB	6	Per	Aus	Üc
Tric'hard Carschaleir	MRPT	14	Per	Per	Üc
Sevastáin Pinátsch	MRPT	15	Per	Per	Üc
Lupulüc da Fhöglha	MRPT	13	Did not vote		
Ieremiac'h Ventrutx	PC	6	Aus	Per	Üc
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	PC	6	Per	Per	Üc
Owen Edwards	PP	10	Per	Aus	Üc
Danihel Forestal	PP	5	Per	Per	Üc
Cresti Siervicül	RUMP	11	Per	Con	Non
Ian da Bitour	RUMP	11	Per	Con	Non
Alexandreu Davinescu	RUMP	13	Per	Con	Non
Iusti Canun	RUMP	11	Per	Con	Non
Eovart Xhorxh	RUMP	11	Con	Per	Non
Danihel Txechescu	RUMP	11	Did not vote		
Txec dal Nordselvä	RUMP	11	Per	Con	Üc
Mximo Carbonel	ZRT	10	Per	Per	Üc
Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h	ZRT	10	Did not vote		
Óin Ursüm	ZRT	10	Per	Per	Üc
Moritz Fernaðescu	ZRT	3	Per	Per	Üc
			149-11 (6)	93-57 (16)	109-57

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ13	RZ14
Brad Holmes	Atatürk	<i>Did not vote</i>	
Lüc da Schir	Belacostă	Per	Per
Glüc da Dhi	Cézembre	Per	Aus
Pòl d'Auribuérg	Florenciă	Con	Con
Miestră Schivă	Fiovă	Per	Per
Dien Tresplet	Maricopa	Per	Per
Magniloqueu Épiqueu da Lhiun	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per	Aus
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Per	Per
		6-1	4-1 (2)

2. This Month's Business

The Fourth Clark of the 47th Ziu runs from February 1st to 21st 2015/XXXVI.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of February at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

47RZ15 – The Communications Privacy Act

Introduced by C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (MC-Lib)

47RZ16 – The Electoral Reform Amendment

Introduced by C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (MC-Lib)

47RZ17 – Nomination of an Admiral

Introduced by C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (Minister of Interior)

47RZ18 – The election ballot act

Introduced by Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)

The full text of these bills is available in the appendix.

The following motion is to be voted on by the Cosă only:

Vote of Confidence

Do you wish the current Government to continue in its term of office?

3. Judicial Decisions

Pursuant to Lex.G.12.1, the Chancery announces that no decisions were rendered by any national court since the publication of the last Clark.

4. Prime Dictates

Pursuant to Lex.H.2.7.1, the Chancery announces that no Prime Dictates were issued since the publication of the last Clark.

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The Secretary of State / El Secretar d'Estat
Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

47RZ15 - The Communications Privacy Act

WHEREAS , it is vitally important that our citizens are able to give informed consent as to how their e-mail address is to be used, and

WHEREAS , the present arrangement is based off the idea of tacit and passive, not informed consent, and

WHEREAS , informed consent is better because that way people know what they're agreeing to, and

WHEREAS , details such as one's e-mail address are actually quite important, and

WHEREAS , if you asked most people if they'd be happy to share their e-mail address with anyone if they stump up a small fee, they'd probably say that was a little dodgy, and

WHEREAS , this bill ONLY stops party leaders from seeing a citizen's e-mail address without their consent, not the Chancery, now

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Ziu that Lex.D.8.5, which currently reads

8.5. Information Available to Political Party Leaders

8.5.1. An Electorate Database shall be made available to political party leaders.

8.5.2. The Database shall only be accessible by leaders of parties which have been fully registered with the Chancery and provincial officers, provided the conditions in D.10.5 are met.

8.5.3. The Database shall contain the following information on each of the Kingdom's Citizens only: Name, Province, E-Mail address.

8.5.4. Measures shall be taken to ensure that the database is kept non-public and can only be viewed by the audience intended.

8.5.5. Additional information may be held upon the database against any given person ONLY if that person requests such information to be included.

8.5.6. Any citizen may request to opt-out of being included in this database for any reason at any time by notifying the database administrator.

is amended as follows:

8.5.6 which reads

Any citizen may request to opt-out of being included in this database for any reason at any time by notifying the database administrator.

is hereby amended to read

Any citizen may request to opt-out of having their E-Mail address included in this database for any reason at any time by notifying the Chancery.

A new sub-sub-section shall be added to follow 8.5.3 which shall read

The E-Mail address of a citizen shall only be made available to party leaders if the citizen has opted-in to receive election communications

D.8.5.4, D.8.5.5, and D.8.5.6 are renumbered accordingly.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,

C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (MC-Lib)

Sir Lüc da Schir (MC-MRPT)

47RZ16 - The Electoral Reform Amendment

The Electoral Reform Amendment

WHEREAS, reducing the number of seats available in the Cosa is desirable in order to maintain political competition in our country, and

WHEREAS, such a move would reduce the amount of complacency among politicians and political parties, and

WHEREAS, this would require both our parties and our politicians to work harder in order to hold and win their seats, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that we do not break links with reality and maintain a realistic and proportionately sized lower chamber, and

WHEREAS, even places like Scotland and Wales which are significantly larger in population and territorial size have fewer parliamentarians in their respective legislative bodies, now

THEREFORE, the Ziu recommends that the following amendment to the Organic Law be considered for ratification by the citizenry of Talossa:

Org.VII.1 which currently reads:

The Cosâ is composed of 200 seats, apportioned among political parties based on their performance in the General Election.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

*The Cosâ is composed of **20** seats, apportioned among political parties based on their performance in the General Election.*

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,
C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (MC-Lib)
Dame Miestră Schivă (Senator-FV)

47RZ17 - Nomination of an Admiral

WHEREAS , the office of Admiral of El Marì Rexhital Talossan currently lies conspicuously vacant, and

WHEREAS , it is imperative that the defense of the Kingdom remain robust and prepared, and

WHEREAS such robustness and preparation requires leadership, and

WHEREAS , after a long (perhaps too-long) process of interview and consideration, the Ministry of Interior has determined that the best candidate for this post is M:sr Iason Bitxichë Taiwos, now

THEREFORE, I, Carlüs Xheraltescù, with the full support and counsel of my deputy, óin Ursüm, do recommend to his Majesty King John that Iason Taiwos be raised to the rank and post of Amirál, MRT, and request the necessary approval of a majority of the Ziu.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,

C. Carlüs Xheraltescu (Minister of Interior)

Óin Ursüm (Deputy Minister for Defence)

47RZ18 - The election ballot act

WHEREAS Section B, Article 2 of El Lexhatx is the article concerning the electoral ballot AND

WHEREAS that article is a single block of text AND

WHEREAS this author wants to make a small change in that block of text but can't find a way to insert it

THEREFORE the Ziu resolves to modify Section B, Article 2 of El Lexhatx which currently read as:

2. The Secretary of State shall make available, through a website dedicated to this purpose, the text of the election ballot. The ballot shall, for the next general election, contain a space for a yes or no vote on Organic Law amendments passed during this Cosa, as well as contain spaces for provincial and senatorial voting. (The legality of votes cast for provincial and senatorial elections on the ballot shall be dependent on voters' approval of said laws in a public referendum, on the same ballot.) The ballot shall be in a .pdf or other graphical format. The ballot shall have space on it for the voter to indicate his name and relevant contact information. Clear voting instructions in both Talossan and English will be included with each ballot. In order to be counted in the election, the ballots must be received by the Secretary of State on or before election day. (33RZ5)

To be split into sub-articles as follows:

2. The Secretary of State shall make available, through a website dedicated to this purpose, the text of the election ballot.

2.1 The ballot shall, for the next general election, contain a space for a yes or no vote on Organic Law amendments passed during this Cosa, as well as contain spaces for provincial and senatorial voting.

2.2 (The legality of votes cast for provincial and senatorial elections on the ballot shall be dependent on voters' approval of said laws in a public referendum, on the same ballot.)

2.3 The ballot shall be in a .pdf or other graphical format. The ballot shall have space on it for the voter to indicate his name and relevant contact information.

2.4 Clear voting instructions in both Talossan and English will be included with each ballot.

2.5 In order to be counted in the election, the ballots must be received by the Secretary of State on or before election day. (33RZ5)

And then, new article 2.2 is removed as it is no longer applicable and was apparently ephemeral in nature, pending past amendments and is replaced by:

2.2 The Ballot can also include for each referendum up to two 50-words essays, one in favor of the amendment and one against the amendment, composed to reflect various arguments in favor or against said referendum. The argument's signature are not counted in the 50 words limit. **In case of a problem reaching a consensus, the chancery can appoint a committee composed of key defenders of that position and an impartial member of the bar**

Furthermore, article 2.3 is modified as follow: 2.3 The ballot shall be **available** in a .pdf or other graphical format. The ballot shall have space on it for the voter to indicate his name and relevant contact information **or said information pre-filled by the Chancery.**

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)