

The August 2015 Clark

Second Clark of the 48th Ziu

1. Results of the July 2015 Clark

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

48RZ03 – We Had a Short Amendment Buried in a Larger One Act

Introduced by Dien Tresplet (Senator-MA)

Agreed to by the Cosă 158-11 (27 abstained), by the Senäts 7-1

The Cosă and Senäts disagreed on the following bills:

48RZ01 – The automatic votes validation amendment

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

Rejected by the Cosă due to not reaching the required supermajority 100-85 (11 abstained), agreed to by the Senäts 4-2 (2 abstained)

48RZ02 – The Democratic Amendment

Introduced by Sevastáin Pinátsch (Senator-AK)

Rejected by the Cosă due to not reaching the required supermajority 123-73, agreed to by the Senäts 6-0 (2 abstained)

48RZ04 – The Easy Conversions Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

Agreed to by the Cosă 117-56 (23 abstained), rejected by the Senäts 4-4

The Cosă passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 129-67 .

Members of the Cosă voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 1	RZ 2	RZ 3	RZ 4	VoC
C. Carlüs Xheraltescu	FreeDems	12	Per	Per	Per	Con	Üc
Munditenens da Biondeu	FreeDems	12	Per	Per	Per	Con	Üc
Moritz Fernaodescu	FreeDems	12	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Françal Ian Lux	FreeDems	11	Per	Per	Aus	Aus	Üc
Breneir Tzaracomprada	MRPT	12	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Erschéveḭ da Schir	MRPT	11	Aus	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Lupulüc da Fhöglha	MRPT	11	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Ian Plätschisch	MRPT	12	Con	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Nicholas Hayes	NiH	6	Con	Con	Per	Per	Üc
Vit Caçeir	PROG	4	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Owen Edwards	PROG	10	Per	Per	Per	Con	Üc
Cresti Sierviciül	RUMP	11	Con	Con	Per	Con	Non
Brad Holmes	RUMP	11	Con	Con	Per	Con	Non
Alexandreu Davinescu	RUMP	12	Con	Con	Per	Aus	Non
			100-85 (11)	123-73	158-11 (27)	117-56 (23)	129-67

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 1	RZ 2	RZ 3	RZ 4	VoC
Litz Cjantscheir	RUMP	11	Con	Con	Per	Per	Non
Eovart Xhorxh	RUMP	11	Con	Con	Con	Per	Non
Danihel Txechescu	RUMP	11	Con	Con	Per	Per	Non
Gaglhén Fortaleça	TSP	8	Per	Per	Aus	Per	Üc
Daniel Candee	TSP	8	Per	Per	Aus	Per	Üc
100-85 (11)			123-73	158-11 (27)	117-56 (23)	129-67	

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ1	RZ2	RZ3	RZ4
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Per	Per	Per	Per
Lüc da Schir	Belacostă	Aus	Per	Per	Per
Tierçeu Rôibeardescù	Cézembre	Aus	Aus	Con	Con
Pól d'Auribuérg	Florenciă	Per	Aus	Per	Con
Miestră Schivă	Fiovă	Per	Per	Per	Per
Dien Tresplet	Maricopa	Con	Per	Per	Con
Magniloqueu Épiqeu da Lhiun	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Con	Per	Per	Per
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Per	Per	Per	Con
		4-2 (2)	6-0 (2)	7-1	4-4

2. This Month's Business

The Second Clark of the 48th Ziu runs from August 1st to 21st 2015/XXXVI.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of August at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

48RZ05 – The Nobody Feels Like Writing Acts Just to Fix Typos Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

48RZ06 – The We Need a Phoole Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

48RZ07 – The 48th Cosa Budget Act

Introduced by Sir Lüc da Schir (Distain and Finance Minister, on behalf of His Majesty's Government)

48RZ08 – The Electoral commission reform amendment

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

48RZ09 – The Office of Dynamic Data Records act

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

48RZ10 – National Census Bill

Introduced by Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (MC-RUMP)

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 Marti-Páir Furxhéir

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

48RZ05 - The Nobody Feels Like Writing Acts Just to Fix Typos Act

WHEREAS There is currently no way to change a bill after it has been clarked, and

WHEREAS This is perfectly fine for the most part, except for when there are grammar/formatting errors in the bill which nobody notices until it has been clarked, and

WHEREAS This necessitates either the creation of another bill just to fix that error, or rejecting an otherwise fine bill, and

WHEREAS That seems ridiculous

THEREFORE Subsubsection C.1.2.3 is added to el Lexhatx which reads:

C.1.2.3 If the Scribe finds an error in the formatting, grammar, or spelling of a bill that has already been clarked, or alerted of same, he shall work with the sponsor of the bill to fix said error(s).

C.1.2.3.1 The Scribe shall publicize any proposed changes to a bill, and said changes may only be implemented after they have been public for seven days

C.1.2.3.2 If, before the proposed changes are implemented, a petition of MCs representing at least 1/3 of the seats in the Cosa, or a petition of at least 1/3 of the Senators, goes before the Scribe in protest of the proposed changes to the bill, the Scribe may not implement the changes.C.1.2.3.3 If a disagreement arises over the interpretation of a law that was amended though this process, the language originally enacted by the Ziu is superior and shall be used in interpretation

C.1.2.3.4 The Scribe shall keep a record of the original language of bills that were amended in this way for use according to C.1.2.3.3

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

48RZ06 - The We Need a Phoole Act

WHEREAS Talossa, as a great Kingdom, has a need of filling every role present in a great Kingdom, serious or not, and

WHEREAS A jester/fool is completely necessary in a nation founded in fun, and

WHEREAS We have a perfectly qualified candidate at our doorstep, and

WHEREAS It appears that said candidate simply did not know how to respond to messages on Witt, and

WHEREAS This is no reason to exclude anyone **THEREFORE** The Ziu resolves to issue a grant of citizenship to ANN-ELIZABETH SHAPER

FUTHERMORE, Subsection 1.10 is added to Title C of el Lexhatx, which reads:

1.10. A Royal Jester shall be appointed by the King to an indefinite term, and serve at his pleasure. The task of the Royal Jester shall be to entertain the Royal Family and the people of Talossa.

1.10.1. In keeping with the spirit of jesters (which is to say, brutal honesty deriving from a lack of ambition), the Royal Jester shall not hold any other office in the Kingdom of Talossa during his/her tenure.

Uréu q'estadra så,

Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

48RZ07 - The 48th Cosa Budget Act

WHEREAS, as per Lex.D.2.1.5,

The Seneschal shall be required to submit to the Ziu, in time for consideration by the the second Clark of the Cosa, a government bill approved by the whole Cabinet which shall contain the following: (38RZ15)

2.1.5.1. a detailed budget listing all planned expenses of the State through the current Cosa, specifying the amounts to be requisitioned for each Cabinet Ministry or Officer of the Royal Household and the purpose of each such expense;

2.1.5.2. any amount of the Treasury to be set aside for investment as directed by the Finance Minister and the investment policy that will be pursued;

2.1.5.3. the total amount in louse of any planned currency minting and printing, and postage issuance to be executed by the Royal Bank & Post during the term of the current Cosa.

WHEREAS as per Lex.D.2.2 as Distain I am empowered to act in the Seneschal's stead if requested to;

WHEREAS this bill has been approved by all members of the Cabinet; and

WHEREAS the latest Treasury financial report by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue, which announces the current balance of HM's Treasury to be (\$1,780.45), can be found here: talossa.proboards.com/thread/10843/somewhat-intermittent-burgemeister-report-july; so

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu that the Government shall be allocated the following budget for the duration of the 48th Cosa:

1) The Ministry of STUFF shall be allocated a budget, not to exceed 46¢40 (\$70) for the purchase of a Proboards Pro account to backup Wittenberg.

2) The Ministry of Finance shall be allocated a budget as follows:

- All funds that the Ministry may raise through Kickstarter or similar funding methods, to be used in the production of 5,000 Talossan coins with a face value of £1 each, for a total face value of £5,000 (\$7,500).

- An amount, not to exceed 33¢20 (\$500) in supplemental funding for the production of 5,000 Talossan coins, as mentioned above. Costs for the production of coins could be lower depending on both which deal the Government will go for and on public giving.

- 33¢20 (\$50) to support requests by other ministries and/or offices of the Royal Household for expenses not specifically budgeted.

3) The Ministry of Culture shall be allocated a budget as follows:

- An amount, not to exceed 53¢20 (\$80) for the production of Talossan language material;

- An amount, not to exceed 13¢20 (\$20) for the purchase of prizes for the Siorida Talossa (Miss Talossa) beauty pageant.

4) The Ministry of Interior shall be allocated a budget, not to exceed 13¢20 (\$20) for the symbolic adoption of a Talossan Emperor Penguin through the United for Pégöpäts charity.

FURTHERMORE, details of any project on which monies from the above allocations will be spent will be publicly published, along with estimated costs, no less than two weeks before the actual purchase is made. Monies not allocated above shall be retained in the central fund. For security and administration purposes, all allocated monies shall remain in the central fund and, subject to approval by the Minister of Finance and provisions in this Act, may be drawn down on a case by case basis by each Minister.

FURTHERMORE, the investment policy of Talossa for this Cosa is to leave funds in the interest-bearing bank account that serves as the central fund.

FURTHERMORE, the total amount in louise that the Royal Bank & Post is planning to mint during the 48th Cosa is £5,000 (\$7,500).

FURTHERMORE, the Government reserves to apply an additional sales tax to the public sale of stamps and coins to help recover part of the production costs. Details of the tax will be published no less than two weeks before the items are put on sale.

FURTHERMORE**, in accordance with el Lexhatx, the Government may later in this Cosa submit supplemental budgeting legislation for the approval of the Ziu.

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Sir Lüc da Schir (Distain and Finance Minister, on behalf of His Majesty's Government)

48RZ08 - The Electoral commission reform amendment

WHEREAS our electoral commission was created back when we thought the secret ballots would be handled by hand AND

WHEREAS when anything is handled by hand, mistakes are bound to be made AND

WHEREAS we cannot afford to make mistakes so every vote had to be validated AND

WHEREAS something else occurred. Our Secretary of State used the power of his database to allow once again online votes without any human intervention other than that of the voter AND

WHEREAS these votes, if secret, are only reviewed because specifically, the law requires the electoral commission to do so AND

WHEREAS voters not only get a receipt but can validate their vote until the next election and eventually, forever AND

WHEREAS one of the members of the electoral commission is a party leader, causing discomfort to some citizens AND

WHEREAS the electoral commission never changed the actual output of the election (number of seats of parties or Senator) AND

WHEREAS I proposed a sub-section in the organic law, forgetting it's not allowed

THEREFORE the Ziu resolves to propose in a referendum the following amendments to Article VII: Election to the Cosà of the organic law:

Section 6 which currently reads:

Votes for the Cosa may be submitted either publicly or privately. Votes submitted privately shall be submitted to and available only to an Electoral Commission, consisting of the Secretary of State and the three Justices of the Uppermost Court. Should any Justice be unavailable to serve on the Commission, the King shall name a Magistrate judge of a subordinate court to replace that Justice, but should no such Magistrate judge likewise be available, the Commission shall serve as otherwise constituted. It shall be a criminal act, punishable as determined by law, for the contents of any such vote to be revealed by any member of the Commission to any other person. The members of the said Electoral Commission shall independently confirm the final tally and together shall certify the election. No member of the Commission may, whilst the Commission is engaged in the process of ballot validation, simultaneously serve as a leader of a political party. If at any point in the certification process, three of the members of the Electoral Commission agree that one of the members has become unresponsive, they shall notify the King, who shall in turn remove the named individual and appoint as replacement a Magistrate judge of a subordinate court or, should no such Magistrate judge be available, the Commission shall serve as otherwise constituted.

Is replaced by:

Votes for the Cosa may be submitted either publicly or privately. Votes submitted privately shall be submitted to and available only to the Electoral Commission of that election.

A new Section 10 is added, as follows:

The electoral commission of an election consists of the Secretary of State and three of the Justices of the Uppermost Court selected by the King **within 10 days of the Writ of dissolution of the Cosa** based on their availability and experience. No member of the Commission may, whilst the Commission is engaged in the process of ballot validation, simultaneously serve as a leader of a political party. Should less than three Justices be available to serve on the Commission, the Commission shall serve as otherwise constituted. If at any point in the **confirmation** process, the majority of the members of the Electoral Commission agree that one of the members has become unresponsive, they shall notify the King, who shall in turn remove the named individual and appoint as replacement from one of the other Justices or, should no such Justices be available, the Commission shall serve as otherwise constituted.

A new Section 11 is added, as follows:

It shall be a criminal act, punishable as determined by law, for the contents of any private vote to be revealed by any member of the Commission to any other person.

A new Section 12 is added, as follows:

The Secretary of State shall initially, within 7 days of the election deadline certify alone the election. Once the Secretary of State has confirmed the election, the results are official and the Ziu can resume normal operations. If any ballots are in doubt over their validity, the Secretary of State may defer that ballot to the full Electoral Commission for a rapid review within those 7 days. **If problems occur, the Secretary may, with adequate justifications, request from the Electoral Commission an additional delay to certify the election.**

A new Section 13 is added, as follows:

The members of the Electoral Commission shall independently confirm the final tally and together shall confirm the results of the election. Should any errors be found after the election was certified, it shall be retroactively changed notwithstanding any other provisions of the law preventing such a change.

A new Section 14 is added, as follows:

Ballots may be cast via a secure online ballot with a voter receipt. These ballots need not be individually confirmed by the Commission or certified by the Secretary of State. Any such ballot system shall only be permitted once the Uppermost Court has verified its reliability and unanimously approved the system with a public vote.

A new Section 15 is added as follows:

The electoral commission of an election is never fully disbanded and members of that commission remain in duty in case a citizen later contest the election results or the record keeping for that election.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Sir Martí-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)

48RZ09 - The Office of Dynamic Data Records act

WHEREAS a private citizen has built between 2000 and 2004, and then between 2013 and now an extensive database of bills, cosa members, Senators, Clarks, election votes etc... AND

WHEREAS that database, once the pivotal centerpiece of Chancery operations was thought lost for good in June 2004 when said citizen left the Kingdom and yet, was preserved and restored to full function by that same citizen when he returned to the Kingdom AND

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Talossa still doesn't own that database and should said citizen leave again in any way, the Kingdom would lose all of those records AND

WHEREAS said citizen has named a price for nationalizing that database which is to be put in charge of it until he can no longer properly maintain it AND

WHEREAS past attempts at nationalization have failed but it is becoming more and more pressing to resolve that

THEREFORE the Ziu resolves to create the Office of Dynamic Data Records as a new Royal Household and names Marti-Pair Furxheir as it's initial administrator, the Royal Data Clerk.

Said office shall be created by adding section 1.10 to title C The Royal Household of El Lexhatx which reads as follows:

1.10 The Office of Dynamic Data Records, headed by the Royal Data Clerk. The function of the Office of Dynamic Data Records is to manage all computer records owned by the Kingdom of Talossa for its official functions and delegated to its care in order to help other Royal Households, Ministries or any other organization of the Kingdom which needs data management.

1.10.1: The Office of Dynamic Data Records is considered to be a part of any office or households which hires the Office of Dynamic Data Records to maintain its records when it come to data privacy laws.

1.10.2: In order to manage any data, an agreement needs to be negotiated between the data owners and the Office of Dynamic Data Records. Such agreement are permanent once established.

FURTHERMORE, Section 2 which currently reads as:

2. The Officers of the Royal Household shall have no fixed terms of office, and shall not be removed from office by the dissolution of the Cosa. The Officers of the Royal Household are appointed and removed by the King on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The four exceptions to this are that the Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Prime Minister acting alone and may be removed by law; the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue shall be named in the same way as the Secretary of State; the Chancellor of the Royal Talossan Bar shall be appointed and removed by the King on the recommendation of a resolution of the Senäts; and the Commissioner of the Civil Service, who shall be appointed by the King, for a two year renewable term, after being recommended by a legislative civil service committee and approved by a two-thirds majority vote in the Cosa and a majority vote of the Senäts in favor of appointment. The Chancellor may be removed by the King on the recommendation of the Senäts. (47RZ13)

Is replaced by:

2. The Officers of the Royal Household shall have no fixed terms of office, and shall not be removed from office by the dissolution of the Cosa. The Officers of the Royal Household are appointed and removed by the King on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The exceptions to this are as follows:

2.1 The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Prime Minister acting alone and may be removed by law;

- 2.2 The Burgermeister of Inland Revenue shall be named in the same way as the Secretary of State;
- 2.3 The Chancellor of the Royal Talossan Bar shall be appointed and removed by the King on the recommendation of a resolution of the Senäts;
- 2.4 The Commissioner of the Civil Service, who shall be appointed by the King, for a two year renewable term, after being recommended by a legislative civil service committee and approved by a two-thirds majority vote in the Cosa and a majority vote of the Senäts in favor of appointment. The Chancellor may be removed by the King on the recommendation of the Senäts. (47RZ13)
- 2.5 The Royal Data Clerk shall be appointed by law. The Royal Data Clerk can only be removed for gross dereliction of duty as determined by the uppermost cort.

FURTHERMORE once the Royal Data Clerk shall accept his position and take his duty, the database system currently hosted on talossa.ca shall be considered to be the property of the Office of Dynamic Data Management and thus, the property of the Kingdom of Talossa. Backups shall be sent to at least 2 members of the Uppermost cort within 6 months of such a nomination.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)

48RZ10 - National Census Bill

Therefore there shall be a new subsection C.1.1.2 added to el Lexhatx, which shall read as follows:

C.1.1.2. The Bureau of the Census within the Chancery shall conduct a census of all citizens of Talossa, collecting demographic information and updating the Chancery's contact details for the citizenry. A census shall be performed every two calendar years, or more frequently if the Seneschal so requests.

Furthermore there shall be new subsections C.1.1.2.1-4 added to el Lexhatx, which shall read as follows:

C.1.1.2.1. The only required questions for any respondent on the Talossan Census shall be (a) current Talossan and non-Talossan names, and (b) citizen contact details (preferably email). The Chancery will provide an option for respondents to share their email address with party leaders, pursuant to Lex.D.8.5.4.

C.1.1.2.2. Other questions on the Talossan Census shall be identical to the questions on the last census. These questions may be changed by the Chancery, either of its own volition or on request from the Seneschal, but any changes shall be approved by the Ziu. These questions will be marked as optional, and at no time shall a citizen be forced or required to respond to an optional question.

C.1.1.2.3. Any information collected during the census that would individually identify any person or persons, including their contact information, shall be withheld from the public for to protect individual privacy, consistent with Lex.D.8. The only exception is that citizens may opt to have their e-mail address shared with party leaders, pursuant to Lex.D.8.5.4. Census information shall not be released under any "freedom of information" or "government transparency" requests, notwithstanding any other provisions of el Lexhatx.

C.1.1.2.4. Demographic information and other information that does not identify the respondents shall be made available within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of any census.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Baron Alexandru Davinescu (MC-RUMP)
Dame Miestră Schivă (Senator-FV)