

Article II - Parliament of Bloom

Election

2.1. Members of Parliament (MPs)

MPs are democratically elected by the citizens of Bloom using the STV voting system via the website <https://paul-lockett.co.uk/stv.html>.

There are 7 seats in Parliament.

To be eligible for Parliament, candidates must be citizens.

2.2. Prime Minister

The Prime Minister must be an MP and shall be someone who is deemed to have the confidence of Parliament and so they shall be elected by their fellow MPs at the start of each term.

Each MP may only vote for 1 candidate. Following the announcement of the results newly elected candidates have 24 hours to declare their candidacy for the position of Prime Minister. After the nominative election begins no new candidates may join.

The Prime Minister nominative election shall have as many rounds as are required until only 2 candidates remain or one candidate has secured over 50% of the vote in Parliament. Each round lasts 24 hours, the candidate with the least amount of votes is removed at the end of the round.

MPs may vote RON (Re-open nominations) during Prime Minister elections. If RON gets over 50% of the vote then the process resets and all MPs get a chance to run for Prime Minister again.

If after 7 days from the end of the first round no one has been elected Prime Minister then Parliament is automatically dissolved and a new election is held for the following Thursday. The incumbent or acting Prime Minister remains in place until this time.

2.3. Parliament term

Each Parliament shall last no more than 10 weeks (roughly 2 months). Parliament may call a vote to dissolve itself and have an early election if there is a simple majority.

2.4. Election process

Only citizens who have registered to vote can participate in elections.

After the 72 hour campaign period is over there are 72 hours of voting where eligible voters cast their ballot. During this time new candidates may still join.

Votes must be cast using a google form which requires voters to enter their in game name and their discord name as verification.

2.5. Vacancies

If there is a vacant seat (or seats) in Parliament then within 14 days of that vacancy the President must schedule a by-election for that seat(s). If no date for the election is scheduled then on the 14th day voting starts.

There must be at least 2 days between the vacancy and the start of voting so that residents have time to decide if they wish to be a candidate.

Voting in a by-election only lasts 2 days.

If there is only 1 seat then voters should still rank the candidates.

Duties

2.6. Laws

It is the role of Parliament to create and vote on new bills which if they receive a simple but clear majority will become law

2.7. Motions

Parliament also has the power to create and vote for 'motions'. Not all motions will have any immediate or legal effect and may simply be used to signal Parliament's opinion on an issue.

2.8. Procedure

Voting on all bills and motions may only last **at least 48-24** hours. Voting on all constitutional amendments will last 72 hours. ~~No extension may be granted.~~ The President may grant 12 hour extensions to bills and motions for the purpose of providing enough time for amendment voting - extensions are renewable.

No bills or motions may be introduced when there is an ongoing general election. Furthermore, no bills or motions may be introduced until the conclusion of the **first** Prime Minister election **of the term**. This does not apply to by-elections.

Regular bills and motions require a minimum of 3 MPs participating to be valid, constitutional changes require a minimum of 5 MPs.

2.9. Constitutional Amendments

All constitutional amendments require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass.

Bills or motions which conflict with the constitution are invalid unless proposed as an amendment that meets the voting requirements.

2.10. War

A formal declaration of war may only be made with a simple majority in Parliament.

2.11. Amendments

MPs may propose amendments to any bill or motion currently being voted on - including constitutional amendments. Where there is a conflict, the most recently approved amendment takes precedence.

Amendment voting may only last 24 hours under normal circumstances. If voting on amendments ends when voting on the bill or motion ends.

There is no minimum number of MPs required for an amendment however amendments must have support from over half of the current number of MPs.

Amendments to a constitutional amendment automatically get a 12 hour extension independent of the President if voting is due to end within 12 hours.

Dismissal

2.12. Members of Parliament

MPs may be impeached by Parliament for abuse of power, corruption or a category 3 crime if charged by the High Court. An impeachment vote requires a simple majority to pass and must last 48 hours.

MPs may also resign voluntarily by announcing it on discord.

MPs may be recalled if 25% of current voters sign a petition. This must be given to a High Court judge who must then verify it's validity. If valid the President must schedule a by-election for that seat within 14 days. Though it is not vacant, the MPs retains their seat until the results of the by-election.

MPs are automatically dismissed from Parliament for dereliction of duty if their rate of attendance regarding voting on bills and motions drops below 30%. This rule only applies after they have been present for at least 4 votes in Parliament.

2.13. Prime Minister

The Prime Minister is dismissed with immediate effect by Parliament if a successful motion of no confidence is passed. A simple majority is enough to pass the motion.

Following a Prime Minister's dismissal there is a another nominative election for the new Prime Minister, the former Prime Minister may contest the nominative election.

The Prime Minister may also resign from office, but can decide whether they wish to resign with immediate effect or wait until the outcome of the nominative election.