

Duma Considers Ban on Proxy Voting for Deputies

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Russia's State Duma may ban politicians from voting by proxy, the Rosbalt news website reported Wednesday.

Under the new bill, put forward by Deputy Speaker Sergei Neverov, deputies will be required to vote in person rather than passing their voting card to a colleague to vote in their place.

Under the current regulations, Duma deputies are allowed to vote by proxy when "absent for good reason."

The practice has led to so-called "duty deputies" running throughout the rows of the parliamentary chamber during Duma votes, casting their own votes as well as those of their absent colleagues.

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