

# *More Cracks as Brazil Senate Committee Proposes Free Elections*

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Brasilia, June 2 (RHC)-- Another crack within Michel Temer's administration has emerged as a Brazilian Senate Committee approved a Constitutional Amendment proposal that calls for free elections to be held in the case the presidency becomes vacant within the first three years of the presidential mandate.

The premise of the amendment would mean that if Temer resigns, is impeached or is removed, then free elections will be convened as opposed to the National Congress selecting a president as the Constitution currently stipulates.

Although it falls far short of calling for Temer's removal, Brasil 247 reported that Senator Lindbergh Farias celebrated the proposal as being "a gigantic victory," one that, "gives breath to the free elections movement." He added that the amendment's proposal caught Temer's administration "by surprise" and increases the chances that it may be approved by a full Senate vote.

Lindbergh also commented that parliamentarians who form part of Temer's base also voted in favor of the constitutional amendment. Parana Institute Research released its latest poll, indicating that 90.6 percent of Brazilians are in favor of immediate free, democratic elections.

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