
GREEK LAWMAKERS ELECT FORMER PARLIAMENT SPEAKER CONSTANTINE TASSOULAS AS PRESIDENT

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Constantine Tassoulas, an advocate for the return of the Parthenon sculptures, has been elected Greece's new president, succeeding Katerina Sakellariopoulou.

Greek lawmakers have elected a former parliament speaker and leading advocate for the return of the Parthenon sculptures from the British Museum as the country's new president.

Constantine Tassoulas, 65, was elected to the largely ceremonial post by the 300-member parliament on Wednesday, winning with 160 votes in the fourth round of voting. He takes over from Katerina Sakellariopoulou, the first woman to serve as Greece's head of state, who was not nominated for a second five-year term.

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