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“The Government believes expats **should retain their right to vote** as long as they remain **UK citizens....”**

THE GOOD NEWS

THE British government through the British Embassy in Madrid yesterday outlined their opposition to the 15-year-rule voting rule but said that there was not enough time for legislation to be passed giving all expatriates the vote before the referendum on European Union membership in June. The announcement will give

some hope to long-term expatriates but at the same time it will be viewed as a blow. However, a petition to the British parliament, calling for all expats to be given the vote, is continuing to gather strength and we are now about 1,500 signatures short of the 10,000 mark when the British government, by law, will have to react. The petition, which is avail-

able on our website and Facebook page, has now reached the 8,500 mark, not bad when at the start of the week it had just 1,500 signatures. The fact that only expats who have lived outside the United Kingdom for less than 15 years can vote has become a major issue in Spain which is home to hundreds of thousands of expatriates but not all can vote.



“But given the time available before 23 June, it is not expected that the Bill will complete its passage and be **fully implemented in time for the European Union referendum....”**

THE BAD NEWS