

Israeli Parliament Moves Toward Early Dissolution Vote



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JERUSALEM, May 20— Israeli lawmakers on Wednesday gave preliminary approval to a bill to dissolve the Knesset, potentially bringing national elections forward by several weeks. The proposal passed with 110 votes in favor in the 120-member parliament, with no votes against, though it still requires three additional readings before becoming law.

Recent opinion polls indicate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could face defeat, with his current right-wing coalition projected to secure about 52 seats, short of the 61-seat majority needed to form a government. The development signals growing political uncertainty in Israel as the legislative process continues.