



**AN BILLE TOGHCHAIN (LEASU), 1959.
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959.**

*Mar a ritheadh ag dhá Theach an Oireachtais.
As passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.*

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BILL

entitled

AN ACT TO FIX THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF DAIL 5
EIREANN AND TO REVISE THEIR CONSTITUENCIES
AND TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE
ELECTION OF SUCH MEMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS :—

Definitions.

1.—In this Act— 10

“ the Minister ” means the Minister for Local Government ;

“ the Principal Act ” means the Electoral Act, 1923 (No. 12 of 1923).

Number of members of Dáil Éireann.

2.—Dáil Éireann shall, after the dissolution thereof which next occurs after the passing of this Act, consist of One Hundred and 15
Forty-four members.

Constituencies.

3.—(1) The members of Dáil Éireann shall, after the dissolution of Dáil Éireann which next occurs after the passing of this Act, represent the constituencies specified in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) A constituency specified in Part I of the Schedule to this 20
Act shall be a borough constituency and a constituency specified in Part II thereof shall be a county constituency.

(3) An area specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be taken to be that area as constituted on the 1st day of January, 1959, but if any doubt arises as to the constituency in which any townland 25
or part thereof, or any road or street or part thereof, is included, the doubt shall be determined by the Minister.

(4) In the Schedule to this Act—

(a) a reference to a line drawn along any road, street or rail- 30
way shall, save where the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to a line drawn along the middle of the road, street or railway,

(b) a reference to a point at which any road or street inter- 35
sects, cuts, meets, joins, crosses, reaches, leaves or departs from any road or street shall, save where the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the point at which a line drawn along the middle of the one and a line drawn along the middle of the other would intersect when prolonged.

- 4.—A constituency specified in the Schedule to this Act shall return the number of members set out in respect thereof in the third column of that Schedule. Number of members to be returned by constituency.
- 5.—For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 3 of the Electoral (Chairman of Dáil Éireann) Act, 1937, the constituency of Clare specified in the Schedule to this Act is hereby declared to correspond to the constituency of Clare specified in the Schedule to the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1947. Re-election of outgoing Ceann Comhairle. 1937, No. 25. 1947, No. 31.
- 6.—The title page of every electors list, list of claimants, list of objections and register of electors, prepared under the First Schedule to the Principal Act after the 31st day of January, 1960, and before the dissolution of the Oireachtas which next occurs after that day, for a registration unit in a constituency existing on that day which is not identical in area and name with a constituency specified in the Schedule to this Act, shall show the name of the constituency specified in the Schedule to this Act in which such registration unit will be situate as well as the name of the said existing constituency in which it is situate on that day. Title page of electors list, etc.
- 7.—(1) The returning officer for a constituency specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be— Returning officers and assistant returning officers.
- (a) in case the whole of the constituency is situate in a county or county borough for which there is a sheriff—the sheriff,
- (b) in case part of the constituency is situate in a county borough and part in a county and there is a sheriff for the county borough and a sheriff for the county—either the sheriff for the county borough or the sheriff for the county as the Minister by order appoints from time to time,
- (c) in any other case—the county registrar or, where part of the constituency has one county registrar and part another county registrar, such one of the county registrars as the Minister by order appoints from time to time.
- (2) A county registrar or sheriff for a county who is the returning officer for a constituency part of which is situate in the county and the other part of which is situate in another county or a county borough, or a county registrar or sheriff for a county borough who is the returning officer for a constituency part of which is situate in the county borough and the other part in a county, may appoint the appropriate officer, and shall appoint him if he so requires, to be assistant returning officer for the other part of the constituency.
- In this subsection, “ the appropriate officer ” means—
- (a) in case there is a sheriff for the other part of the constituency—the sheriff,
- (b) in any other case—the county registrar for the other part of the constituency.
- (3) The duties of an assistant returning officer shall be the performance, in the part of a constituency for which he was appointed, of such of the duties of the returning officer for the constituency as that officer is not required by law to perform in person, but if any doubt arises as to the duties of an assistant returning officer, the doubt shall be determined by the Minister.
- 8.—(1) The Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1947, is hereby repealed. Repeal. 1947, No. 31.
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall come into operation on the dissolution of Dáil Éireann which next occurs after the passing of this Act.

Short title,
construction
and collective
citation.

9.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1959.

(2) The Electoral Acts, 1923 to 1946, and this Act shall be construed together as one Act.

(3) The Electoral Acts, 1923 to 1946, and this Act may be cited 5 together as the Electoral Acts, 1923 to 1959.

Section 3.

SCHEDULE.

CONSTITUENCIES.

PART I.

BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES.

Name	Area	Number of Members
Cork	The county borough of Cork and the district electoral divisions of Bishoptown, Blackrock and St. Mary's in the administrative county of Cork.	Five
Dublin North (East)	The Artane, Baldoyle, Ballybough, Beann Éadair, Clontarf East, Clontarf West, Coolock, Drumcondra North, Drumcondra South, North Dock, Raheny and Santry wards.	Five
Dublin North (Central)	The Finglas East, Glasnevin, Inns Quay, Mountjoy, North City and Rotunda wards.	Three
Dublin North (West)	The Arran Quay, Cabragh East, Cabragh West, Finglas West and Phoenix Park wards.	Three
Dublin South (East)	The Rathmines East, Rathfarnham and Rathfarnham South wards, the Rathmines West ward, excluding the portion lying to the south-west of a line drawn from the ward boundary, along Rathgar Avenue to the ward boundary, the portion of the Pembroke West ward lying to the south of a line drawn as follows: commencing at the point of intersection of Baggot Street and the ward boundary along Baggot Street, Pembroke Road and Lansdowne Road to its intersection with the ward boundary, the portion of Pembroke East ward to the south of a line drawn as follows: commencing at the point of intersection of Lansdowne Road with the ward boundary along Herbert Road, Tritonville Road, Claremont Road to its intersection with Sandymount Road, thence around Sandymount Green, thence along Gilford Road and thence eastwards to the ward boundary, the portion of the borough of Dun Laoghaire which is comprised in the district electoral division of Blackrock No. 1 and the portion of the administrative county of Dublin, comprised in the townlands of Drummartin, Dundrum, Mountanville, Mountmerrion or Callary, Mountmerrion South, Roebeck and Trimleston or Owenstown in the district electoral division of Dundrum, the district electoral division of Milltown and the townlands of Kilmacud West and Stillorgan North in the district electoral division of Stillorgan.	Four
Dublin South (West)	The Ballyfermot, Crumlin, Crumlin West, Kimmage and Terenure wards, the portion of Kilmainham ward lying to the west of a line drawn as follows: commencing at the most northerly point of the ward boundary on Tyrconnell Road, thence along Tyrconnell Road, Grattan Crescent, Inchicore Road to its intersection with the road lying to the west of St. Jude's Church and leading to the Memorial Park and thence northwards to the ward boundary along the said road and its imaginary projection and the portion of the Rathmines West ward which is not included in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East).	Five

PART I.—*continued.*

Name	Area	Number of Members
Dublin South (Central)	The Mansion House, Merchants Quay, Royal Exchange, St. Kevin's, South Dock, Usher's and Wood Quay wards, the portion of the Kilmainham ward which is not included in the borough constituency of Dublin South (West) and the portions of the Pembroke East and Pembroke West wards which are not included in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East).	Five

PART II.

COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES.

Name	Area	Number of Members
Carlow-Kilkenny ...	The administrative counties of Carlow and Kilkenny.	Five
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	The borough of Dun Laoghaire, excluding the portion which is comprised in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East), the district electoral divisions of Ballybrack, Glencullen, Rathfarnham, Rathmichael, Whitechurch, the portion of the district electoral division of Dundrum which is not included in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East) and the portion of the district electoral division of Stillorgan which is not included in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East).	Three
Dublin	The administrative county of Dublin except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituency of Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown and the portion thereof which is comprised in the borough constituency of Dublin South (East).	Three
Kildare	The administrative county of Kildare.	Three
Laoighis-Offaly ...	The administrative counties of Laoighis and Offaly.	Five
Longford-Westmeath	The administrative counties of Longford and Westmeath.	Four
Louth	The administrative county of Louth.	Three
Meath	The administrative county of Meath.	Three
Wexford	The administrative county of Wexford.	Five
Wicklow	The administrative county of Wicklow.	Three
Clare	The administrative county of Clare.	Four
West Cork ...	The district electoral divisions of : Bealanageary, Candroma, Cleanrath, Derryfineen, Gortnatubbrid, Inchigeelagh, Kilnamartery, Slievareagh, Ullanes; Aultagh, Ballingurteen, Ballymoney, Bealanagarry, Bealock, Carrigboy, Castletown, Coolmountain, Drinagh, Dunmanway North, Dunmanway South, Garrown, Kinneigh, Manch, Milane, Teerelton ; Ahil, Bantry Rural, Bantry Urban, Douce, Durrus East, Durrus West, Glanlough, Glengariff, Kealkill, Kilcaskan, Mealagh, Scart, Seefin, Sheepshead, Whiddy ; Adrigole, Bear, Coulagh, Curryglass, Kilcatherine, Killaconenagh, Kilnamanagh ; Ballybane, Ballydehob, Coolagh, Crookhaven, Dunbeacon, Dunmanus, Goleen, Kilcoe, Lowertown, Skull, Toormore ;	Three

PART II.—*continued.*

Name	Area	Number of Members
West Cork— <i>contd.</i>	<p>Aghadown North, Aghadown South, Bredagh, Caheragh, Cape Clear, Carrigbaun, Castlehaven North, Castlehaven South, Cloghdonnell, Cloonkeen, Drinagh, Dromdaleague North, Dromdaleague South, Garrahes, Gortnascreeny, Kilfaughnabeg, Killeenleagh, Knockskagh, Myross, Shreelane, Skibbereen Rural, Tullagh, Woodfort ;</p> <p>Ardfield, Argideen, Cahermore, Castleventry, Clonakilty Rural, Coolcraheen, Derry, Kilkerranmore, Knocks, Rathbarry, Rosscarbery, Rossmore ;</p> <p>and the urban districts of Clonakilty and Skibbereen.</p>	
East Cork	<p>The district electoral divisions of : Clenor, Doneraile, Monanimy, Shanballymore, Skahanagh, Streamhill, Wallstown ; Ballyarthur, Derryvillane, Farahy, Kildorrery, Kilgullane, Kilphelan, Marshalstown, Mitchelstown, Templemolaga ; Aghern, Ballyhooly, Ballynoe, Carrig, Castlecooke, Castle Hyde, Castlelyons, Castletownroche, Coole, Curraglass, Fermoy Rural, Glanworth East, Glanworth West, Gortnaskehy, Gortroe, Kilcor, Kilcummer, Kildinan, Killathy, Kilworth, Knockmourne, Leitrim, Rathcormack, Watergrasshill ;</p> <p>Ballintemple, Ballycottin, Ballyspillane, Carrigtohill, Castlemartyr, Clonmult, Cloyne, Corkbeg, Dangan, Dungleigh, Garryroe, Igthermurragh, Inch, Lisgoold, Middleton Rural, Mogeely, Rostellan, Templebodan, Tempnacarriga ;</p> <p>Ardagh, Clonpriest, Kilcronat, Killeagh, Kilmacdonogh, Youghal Rural ; Caherlag, Cobh Rural, Knockraha, Riverstown ; and the urban districts of Cobh, Fermoy, Middleton and Youghal.</p>	Three
Mid-Cork	The administrative county of Cork except the portions thereof which are comprised in the borough constituency of Cork and the county constituencies of East Cork and West Cork.	Five
North Kerry	<p>The district electoral divisions of : Ballinvoher, Ballyduff, Ballynacourty, Brandon, Castlegregory, Cloghane, Deelis, Dingle, Dunquin, Dunurlin, Glin, Inch, Kilmalkedar, Kilquane, Kinard, Lack, Marhin, Minard, Stradbally, Ventry ;</p> <p>Abbeydorney, Arabela, Ardfert, Ballyegan, Ballyheige, Ballynahaglish, Ballynorig, Ballyseedy, Banna, Baurtregaun, Blennerville, Boolteens, Brosna, Castleisland, Clogherbrien, Crinny, Doon, Gneevs, Kerryhead, Kilfyn, Kilgarrylander, Kilgobban, Killahan, Kilmurry, Kiltallagh, Knockglass, Knocknagashel, Lackabaun, Mount Eagle, Nohaval, O'Brennan, Ratass, Tralee Rural, Tubrid ;</p>	Four

PART II.—continued.

Name	Area	Number of Members
North Kerry— <i>contd.</i>	<p>Ardagh, Astee, Ballincloher, Ballyconry, Ballyduff, Ballyegan, Ballyhorgan, Beal, Carrig, Causeway, Cloontubbrid, Drommartin, Duagh, Ennismore, Gullane, Gunsborough, Kilfeighny, Killehenry, Killury, Kilmeany, Kilshenane, Kiltomy, Leitrim, Lislaughtin, Lisselton, Listowel Rural, Lixnaw, Moynsha, Newtownsandes, Rathea, Shronowen, Tarbert, Tarmon, Trienearagh, Urlee ;</p> <p>Kilnanare, Kilfelin, Currans ;</p> <p>and the urban districts of Listowel and Tralee.</p>	
South Kerry ...	The administrative county of Kerry except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituency of North Kerry.	Three
West Limerick ...	<p>The district electoral divisions of : Fleanmore, Glin, Kilfergus, Kilmoylan ;</p> <p>Abbeyfeale, Ardagh, Ballintober, Ballynoe West, Boola, Broadford, Caher, Cleanglass, Cloncagh, Danganbeg, Dromcolliher, Dromtrasna, Feenagh, Garryduff, Glenagower, Glengort, Glensharrold, Kilmeedy, Knockaderry, Mahoonagh, Monagay, Mountcollins, Mountplummer, Newcastle Rural, Newcastle Urban, Port, Rathronan, Rooskagh, Templeglentan ;</p> <p>Abbeyville, Adare North, Adare South, Ballingarry, Ballyagran, Ballygrennan, Ballynabanoge, Ballynoe, Castletown, Coolrus, Crean, Crecora, Croom, Dunnaman, Garrane, Kilfinny, Kilpeacon, Rathmore ;</p> <p>Ballycummin, Carrig, Clarina, Patrickswell ;</p> <p>Ardpatrick, Athlaca, Ballymacshaneboy, Bruree, Colmanswell, Darragh, Dromin, Kilfinnane, Kilflyn, Kilmallock, Particles, Rockhill, Tobernea ;</p> <p>Askeaton East, Askeaton West, Auginish, Ballyallinan, Ballynacarriga, Castletown, Craggs, Croagh, Dromard, Dunmoylan East, Dunmoylan West, Iveruss, Kilcornan, Kildimo, Kilscannell, Lismakeery, Loughill, Moher-nagh, Nantinan, Pallaskenry, Rathkeale Rural, Rathkeale Urban, Riddlestown, Shanagolden, Shanid.</p>	Three
East Limerick ...	The county borough of Limerick and the administrative county of Limerick except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituency of West Limerick.	Four
North Tipperary ...	The administrative county of Tipperary, North Riding.	Three
South Tipperary ...	The administrative county of Tipperary, South Riding.	Four
Waterford ...	The county borough of Waterford and the administrative county of Waterford.	Four
West Galway ...	<p>The district electoral divisions of : Ballynakill, Bencorr, Bunowen, Cleggan, Clifden, Cushkillary, Derrycunlough, Derrylea, Doonloughan, Errislannan, Illion, Inishbofin, Knockboy, Moyrus, Owengowla, Rinvyle, Roundstone, Sillerna, Skannive ;</p>	Three

PART II.—continued.

Name	Area	Number of Members
West Galway—contd.	<p>Camus, Cloonbur, Cong, Crumpaun, Cur, Gorumna, Kilcummin, Letterbrickaun, Letterfore, Lettermore, Oughterard, Ross, Turlough, Wormhole;</p> <p>Ballintemple, Barna, Carrowbrowne, Furbogh, Galway Rural, Inishmore, Kilcummin, Killannin, Moycullen, Selerna, Slieveaneena, Spiddle, Tullokyne;</p> <p>and the borough of Galway.</p>	
South Galway ...	<p>The district electoral divisions of :</p> <p>Ardamullivan, Ardrahan, Ballycahlan, Beagh, Cahermore, Cappard, Castletaylor, Doorus, Drumacoo, Gort, Kilbeacanty, Killeely, Killeenavarra, Killinny, Kiltartan, Kiltomas, Kinvarra, Rahasane, Skehanagh;</p> <p>Aille, Athenry, Ballynagar, Bracklagh, Bullaun, Cappalusk, Castleboy, Cloonkeen, Colmanstown, Craughwell, Derrylaur, Drumkeary, Graigabbey, Grange, Greethill, Kilchreest, Kilconickny, Kilconierin, Killimor, Killogilleen, Kilmeen, Kilreekill, Kilteskil, Kiltullagh, Lackalea, Leitrim, Loughatorick, Loughrea Rural, Loughrea Urban, Marblehill, Mountain, Moyode, Raftord, Tiaquin, Woodford;</p> <p>Abbeygormacan, Ahascragh, Auhrim, Ballinasloe Rural, Ballymacward, Clonfert, Clontuskert, Kellysgrove, Kilconnell, Killaan, Killallaghan, Killoran, Killure, Kilmacshane, Kiltormer, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Lismanny, Oatfield;</p> <p>Abbeyville, Ballyglass, Coos, Derrew Drummin, Eyrecourt, Killimor, Kilmalinoge, Kilquain, Meelick, Moat, Pallas, Portumna, Tiranascragh, Tynagh;</p> <p>Auhrim, Ballynacourty, Clarinbridge, Oranmore, Stradbally;</p> <p>and the urban district of Ballinasloe.</p>	Three
North Galway ...	<p>The administrative county of Galway except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituencies of West Galway and South Galway.</p>	Three
South Mayo ...	<p>The district electoral divisions of :</p> <p>Aghagower North, Aghagower South, Aghamore, Ailemore, Balla, Ballinafad, Ballinamore, Ballinchalla, Ballindine, Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Ballyhean, Ballyhowly, Ballyovey, Bekan, Bellavary, Bohola, Brackloon, Breaghwy, Bundorragha, Burren, Burriscarra, Cappaghduff, Carraun, Castlebar Rural, Clare Island, Claremorris, Clogher (Castlebar), Clogher (Westport), Cloghermore, Cloonkeen, Cloonmore, Cong, Coolnaha, Coonard, Course, Croaghmoyle, Croaghpatrick, Crossboyne, Culnacleda, Dalgan, Derryloughan, Doocastle, Drummin, Emlagh, Erriff, Garrymore, Hollymount, Houndswood, Islandeady, Kilbeagh, Kilcolman, Kilcommon, Kilgeever, Kilkelly, Killavally, Killedan, Kilmaclessar, Kilmaine, Kilmeena, Kilmovee, Kilsallagh, Kiltamagh, Kilvine, Knappagh, Knock North, Knock South, Loughanboy, Louisburgh, Manulla, Mayo, Meelick, Murneen, Neale, Newbrook, Owenbrin, Owenadornaun, Portroyal, Rosslee, Shrule, Slievemahanagh, Sonnagh, Swineford, Tagheen, Tawnynagry, Toocananagh, Turlough, Urlaur, Westport Rural;</p> <p>and the urban districts of Castlebar and Westport.</p>	Four

PART II.—continued.

Name	Area	Number of Members
North Mayo ...	The administrative county of Mayo except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituency of South Mayo.	Three
Roscommon ...	The administrative county of Roscommon.	Three
Sligo-Leitrim ...	The administrative counties of Sligo and Leitrim.	Five
Cavan ...	The administrative county of Cavan.	Three
West Donegal ...	The district electoral divisions of : Annagary, Aran, Ardara, Ballintra (Ballyshannon), Ballintra (Donegal), Ballyshannon Rural, Ballyshannon Urban, Binbane, Bonnyglenn, Bundoran Rural, Carrickboy, Cavan-garden, Cliff, Clogher, Corkermore, Cross Roads, Crovohy, Crowkerragh, Crownarad, Dawros, Donegal, Doo-charry, Dunfanaghy, Dunglow, Dunkineely, Dunlewy, Eanymore, Fintown, Glencolumbkille, Glengesh, Glenleheen, Glenties, Gortahork, Graffy, Grousehall, Haugh, Inishkeel, Inver, Kilcar, Kilgoly, Killybegs, Laghy, Largymore, Lettermacaward, Lough Eask, Maas, Magheraclogher, Maghery, Malinbeg, Meenaclady, Mulmosog, Pettigoe, Rutland, Tantallon, Tawnawully, Templecarn, Tieveskeelta, Tullynaught ; and the urban district of Bundoran.	Three
East Donegal ...	The administrative county of Donegal except the portion thereof which is comprised in the county constituency of West Donegal.	Four
Monaghan ...	The administrative county of Monaghan.	Three

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Acht do shocrú líon comhaltaí Dháil Éireann agus d'athmheas a ndáilcheantar agus do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le toghadh na gcomhaltaí sin.

*Ríte ag dhá Theach an Oireachtais,
25 Samhain, 1959.*

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An Act to fix the number of members of Dáil Éireann and to revise their constituencies and to amend the law relating to the election of such members.

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