

## AN BILLE UM THOGHCHAIN AITIULA, 1973 LOCAL ELECTIONS BILL, 1973

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of this Bill is to alter the years for holding local elections and to make consequential provisions regarding appointment of school attendance committees and certain meetings of vocational education committees. The Bill also proposes to empower the Minister for Local Government to effect any future postponement of local elections by order, subject to the limitation that such an order will not have effect unless and until it is approved by a resolution passed by each House of the Oireachtas.

- Section 1. The effect of this section will be to postpone to June, 1974, the local elections which under existing law are due to be held in June, 1973, and to extend the term of office of existing members of local authorities accordingly.
- Section 2. Gives the Minister power to postpone local elections by order. Any such order must be brought before each House of the Oireachtas and will not have effect unless and until it is approved by a resolution passed by each House.
- Section 3. Makes consequential provisions for appointment of members of school attendance committees and provides that the next appointments after the passing of this Act will be made in 1974 and will be regarded as quinquennial appointments. Similar provisions will apply in the event of local elections being postponed by order.
- Section 4. Makes consequential provision in regard to meetings of vocational educational committees and provides that the next meeting of such committees held under section 14 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, after the passing of this Act or after the coming into operation of an order under section 2 shall be regarded as quinquennial meetings.
- Section 5. Contains the usual provision about short title, construction and collective citation.

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