



AN BILLE TOGHCHÁIN (LEASÚ) (UIMH. 2), 1983
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The purpose of this Bill is to revise the Dáil constituencies in the light of the 1981 census returns and to implement the recommendations contained in the Report of the Dáil Constituency Commission dated 29th July 1983 (Pl. 1774). The Commission was established by the Government to advise and report on the formation of constituencies for the election of members to Dáil Éireann. It recommended the following changes in the existing constituencies:

- (a) the transfer of the district electoral division of Terenure No. 3 from Dublin South-West to Dublin South-Central, and
- (b) the transfer of the wards of Cabra West D and E and the balance of the wards of Cabra West A and C from Dublin West to Dublin Central.

The Bill proposes to re-enact the existing scheme of constituencies subject to these changes.

- 2. Section 2 of the Bill fixes the number of members of Dáil Éireann, after the next dissolution, at 166. This is the same number as at present, as recommended by the Commission.
- 3. Section 3 provides that after the next dissolution the members of Dáil Éireann will represent the constituencies specified in the Schedule (see paragraph 7 below).
- 4. Section 4 provides that the number of members for each constituency will be as set out in the third column of the Schedule. The number of constituencies to return three, four and five members respectively, under the Bill and under the Electoral (Amendment) Acts of 1961, 1969, 1974 and 1980 are as follows:

	1983 Bill	1980 Act	1974 Act	1969 Act	1961 Act
3 members	13	13	26	26	17
4 members	13	13	10	14	12
5 members	15	15	6	2	9

- 5. Section 5 contains the usual consequential measures for re-arrangement of headings of the register of electors.
- 6. Section 6 provides for the repeal of the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1980 which specifies the existing constituencies.
- 7. The Schedule to the Bill contains descriptions of the new constituencies which, with the exception of the constituencies of Dublin

South-West, Dublin South-Central, Dublin West, and Dublin Central, remain unchanged. The total population, the population per deputy and the variation from the national average of the ratio of population to deputy for each proposed constituency are set out in the Table at the end of the memorandum.

8. Maps are being deposited in the Oireachtas Library indicating the proposed revised constituencies of Dublin South-West, Dublin South-Central, Dublin West and Dublin Central.

TABLE

Proposed Constituency	Number of Members	Population (1981)	Population per member	Variation from National Average population per member
Carlow-Kilkenny	5	110,626	22,125	+1,382
Cavan-Monaghan	5	105,047	21,009	+ 266
Clare	4	87,567	21,892	+1,149
Cork East	4	81,035	20,259	- 484
Cork North-Central	5	98,696	19,739	-1,004
Cork North-West	3	58,421	19,474	-1,269
Cork South-Central	5	104,185	20,837	+ 94
Cork South-West	3	60,128	20,043	-700
Donegal North-East	3	62,395	20,798	+ 55
Donegal South-West	3	62,717	20,906	+ 163
Dublin Central	5	101,214	20,243	- 500
Dublin North	3	63,310	21,103	+ 360
Dublin North-Central	4	80,219	20,055	- 688
Dublin North-East	4	81,770	20,443	- 300
Dublin North-West	4	83,328	20,832	+ 89
Dublin South	5	107,662	21,532	+ 789
Dublin South-Central	5	108,680	21,736	+ 993
Dublin South-East	4	80,733	20,183	- 560
Dublin South-West	4	84,577	21,144	+ 401
Dublin West	5	105,891	21,178	+ 435
Dun Laoghaire	5	105,780	21,156	+ 413
Galway East	3	62,581	20,860	+ 117
Galway West	5	105,646	21,129	+ 386
Kerry North	3	61,968	20,656	- 87
Kerry South	3	60,802	20,267	- 476
Kildare	5	104,122	20,824	+ 81
Laoighis-Offaly	5	109,483	21,897	+1,154
Limerick East	5	100,657	20,131	- 612
Limerick West	3	61,004	20,335	- 408
Longford-Westmeath	4	86,530	21,633	+ 890
Louth	4	88,514	22,129	+1,386
Mayo East	3	57,319	19,106	-1,637
Mayo West	3	57,447	19,149	-1,594
Meath	5	101,552	20,310	- 433
Roscommon	3	58,334	19,445	-1,298
Sligo-Leitrim	4	83,083	20,771	+ 28
Tipperary North	3	58,984	19,661	-1,082
Tipperary South	4	78,752	19,688	-1,055
Waterford	4	86,116	21,529	+ 786
Wexford	5	99,081	19,816	- 927
Wicklow	4	87,449	21,862	+1,119

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	1983	1980	1977	1973	1969
2 members	12	12	13	13	13
3 members	13	13	13	13	13
4 members	13	13	13	13	13
5 members	13	13	13	13	13