



**AN BILLE TOGHCHÁIN (LEASÚ) (UIMH. 2), 2002
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL, 2002**

EXPLANATORY AND FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

General

The Bill extends the period for furnishing election expenses statements to the Standards in Public Office Commission for the general election held on 17 May, 2002 pending the appeal to the Supreme Court following the High Court judgement in the Kelly case, concerning certain exemptions to election expenditure set out in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Electoral Act, 1997.

Section 1 provides that the 56 day period for furnishing election expenses statements under section 36 of the Electoral Act, 1997 is extended to 90 days after polling day or a longer period as may be prescribed in regulations by the Minister.

Section 2 provides for the making of regulations by the Minister to extend the 90 day period, if necessary.

Section 3 provides for the short title, construction and collective citation of the Bill.

Financial and staffing implications

There are no financial or staffing implications.

*An Roinn Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil.
Meitheamh, 2002.*