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ELECTORAL (PREPARATION OF REGISTER OF
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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Access by registration authority to records of Central Statistics Office.
2. Short title, cesser and collective citation and construction.

ACTS REFERRED TO

Electoral Act 1992	1992, No. 23
Electoral Acts 1992 to 2005	
Statistics Act 1993	1993, No. 21



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AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS BY REGISTRATION AUTH-
ORITIES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THEIR DUTIES IN
RELATION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE REGISTER
OF ELECTORS TO COME INTO FORCE IN 2007, TO CER-
TAIN RECORDS OF THE CENTRAL STATISTICS
OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONNECTED
MATTERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

15 1.—(1) In this section, “relevant information” means the names, usual addresses, ages and nationalities of persons whose usual
addresses are within the registration area of the registration authority
concerned, as ascertained from the forms, questionnaires and other
records of the Central Statistics Office used by it for the purposes of
20 the census of population taken in 2006.

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25 (2) Notwithstanding anything in the Statistics Act 1993 or any
other enactment, a registration authority may, for the purposes of its
duties in relation to the preparation of the register of electors to
come into force in 2007, require the Director General of the Central
Statistics Office to give any relevant information in the possession of
the Director General or of that Office which the registration auth-
ority may require.

(3) Information given to a registration authority under *subsec-
tion (2)*—

30 (a) shall not include any information other than relevant
information,

(b) shall, so far as practicable, be given in the form and man-
ner requested by the registration authority concerned,

35 (c) shall be used by a registration authority for the purposes
of the duties referred to in *subsection (2)* and for no
other purpose.

(4) (a) The obtaining and use of relevant information given under this section assists towards but is not of itself compliance by a registration authority with its obligation to prepare and publish the register of electors in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule of the Electoral Act 1992. 5

(b) The obligation imposed by Rule 5(1) and (2) of that Schedule shall be construed as an obligation to make such house to house or other inquiry in the area concerned as is sufficient, when taken together with the obtaining and use of relevant information given under this section, to enable a register of electors to be compiled that is, so far as is practicable, comprehensive, current and accurate. 10

(5) A person who uses information given under this section in contravention of *subsection (3)(c)* is guilty of an offence and is liable— 15

(a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €5,000, or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €100,000. 20

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2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Preparation of Register of Electors) (Temporary Provisions) Act 2006.

(2) This Act ceases to be in operation on the day that is 12 months after it comes into operation.

(3) This Act and the Electoral Acts 1992 to 2005 may be cited together as the Electoral Acts 1992 to 2006 and shall be construed together as one Act. 25