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Leasuithe Amendments

1. In page 3, between lines 9 and 10, to insert the following:

“2.—In this Act “Act of 2002” means the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2002.”.

—Brian Stanley.

2. In page 3, to delete lines 23 to 28.

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3. In page 3, between lines 28 and 29, to insert the following:

“4.—Section 6 (amended by section 9 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2009) of the Act of 1997 is amended in section 25(2) by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph (c):

“(c) the breaching of county boundaries shall be avoided as far as practicable save for the exception of Leitrim. Pursuant to Article 16.2.2^o of the Constitution stipulating that members of Dáil Éireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each thirty thousand of the population, and having regard to the small population of Leitrim, the Constituency Commission shall not breach the county boundary of Leitrim, but adjoin it to a neighbouring county for the purpose of establishing a constituency where constituents are afforded the reasonable equality of representation they are entitled to under the Commission’s terms of reference.”.

—Michael Colreavy.

4. In page 3, between lines 28 and 29, to insert the following:

“4.—Section 6 (amended by section 9 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2009) of the Act of 1997 is amended in subsection (2) by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph (b):

“(b) each constituency shall return four, five or six members.”.

—Brian Stanley.

5. In page 4, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“5.—The Act of 1997 is amended by inserting the following section after Part VI:

“PART VII

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF POLITICAL PARTIES

63.—Not later than the 31st day of January in every year, each political party who, in the preceding year, was a political party according to the definition set out in section 2(b) of this Act, shall furnish to the Standards in Public Offices Commission a written statement, in the form directed by the said Commission, in respect of the preceding year indicating the political party’s financial accounts, including a full set of income and expenditure statements, and listings of the political party’s debts and assets.”.”

—Brian Stanley.

6. In page 4, to delete lines 14 to 17 and substitute the following:

“(b) The amount of election expenses which may be reimbursed to a candidate under this section shall be the actual expenses incurred by the candidate or €150,000 whichever is the less.”.

—Brian Stanley.

7. In page 5, to delete lines 25 to 28 and substitute the following:

“ “53.—The aggregate of election expenses which may be incurred by or on behalf of a candidate at a presidential election in connection with his or her candidature at a presidential election shall not exceed €350,000.”.”.

—Brian Stanley.

8. In page 5, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

“7.—The Act of 2002 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (i) of section 1 by deleting all lines in the inserted paragraph 14A down to and including that paragraph’s subparagraph (2)(b), and inserting the following:

“14A.—(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), an application to be entered on the supplement to the register of electors shall be made by the applicant directly to the registration authority, and on polling day the applicant shall be required to produce photographic identification to the presiding officer on the day.”;

- (b) in section 63 by substituting the following subsection for subsections (1) and (2):

“(1) The registration authority shall enter in the postal voters list the name of every elector who, not later than the last date for making claims for correction in the draft register, applies to be so entered and satisfies the registration authority that the circumstances of the elector’s occupation, service or employment, planned medical treatments, or holiday and travel commitments are such as to render it likely that he or she will be unable to go in person on polling day to vote at the polling place for the polling district.

(2) For the purposes of this section ‘employment’ and ‘service’ shall be deemed to include participation by a person on a full time basis on an educational course of study in an educational institution in this State or in the North of Ireland.

(3) For the purposes of this section ‘planned medical treatments’ shall be deemed to include a person who is due to undergo a medical treatment in a hospital within a period either side of polling day which would render it likely that he or she will be unable to go in person on polling day to vote at the polling place for the polling district.

(4) For the purposes of this section ‘holiday or travel commitments’ shall be deemed to include those which prove a person had purchased, or purchased by someone else, in their name for a date which would render it likely that he or she will be unable to go in person on polling day to vote at the polling place for the polling district, and for which proof is provided that that person will be returning to the State within a maximum of three months of their travel date.”.”.

—Brian Stanley.

9. In page 6, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“8.—(1) The Department of Social Protection shall furnish to the local franchise registration authorities information on, and access to, PPS numbers of all those eligible to vote.

(2) Local franchise registration authorities shall use PPS numbers to determine the electoral register rather than a person’s address.

(3) Local franchise registration authorities shall automatically enter a person on the electoral register on their eighteenth birthday.

(4) Local franchise registration authorities shall automatically remove a person from the electoral register on the issuance of a death certificate for that person.”.

—Brian Stanley.