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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the *European Parliament Elections Act 1997*, to amend the European Parliament constituencies for which candidates are elected and the number of members to be elected for each such constituency.

The Bill provides for the implementation of the recommendations in the European Parliament Constituencies Committee's *Report on European Parliament Constituencies 2013*. The Committee was established under Part II of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) to report on European Parliament constituencies following on from the decision of the European Council on 28 June 2013¹ on the number of members to be elected for the 2014-2019 Parliamentary term. This number will be 11 in Ireland.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 defines the Principal Act referred to in the Bill as the *European Parliament Elections Act 1997*.

Section 2 provides, by amending Section 15 of the *European Parliament Elections Act 1997*, that the counties and cities listed in the Third Schedule of the Act will be those in existence on 1 January 2013.

Section 3 provides for the substitution of the Third Schedule of the *European Parliament Elections Act 1997*. The new Third Schedule sets out the name of each constituency, the area each is comprised of and the number of members for each constituency for European elections held after 1 January 2014.

It provides for a 3-seat Dublin constituency (comprising the counties of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin; and the city of Dublin), a 4-seat Midlands-North-West constituency (comprising the counties of Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath; and the city of Galway) and a 4-seat South constituency (comprising the counties of Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Limerick, North Tipperary, South Tipperary,

¹O.J. No. L181, 29.6.2013, p. 2.

Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow; and the cities of Cork, Limerick and Waterford).

Section 4 is a standard provision setting out the short title, collective citation and construction of the Bill.

Financial Implications of the Bill

The Bill has no significant direct financial implications for the Exchequer.

*An Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil,
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