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entitled

An Act to provide for the parliamentary scrutiny of the Government's proposed candidate for appointment as a member of the Commission of the European Union and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

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Requirement to lay notice of proposed nominee

1. (1) The Taoiseach shall, not later than 12 sitting days prior to the relevant date, lay before each House of the Oireachtas, notice of the candidate which the Government proposes for appointment as a member of the Commission of the European Union.

(2) A notice under *subsection (1)* shall contain the following details:

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(a) name and address of the proposed candidate;

(b) details of career history of the proposed candidate; and

(c) details of the skills and expertise of the proposed candidate which qualify him or her for nomination.

(3) In this section "relevant date" means the date by which notice of the Government's proposed candidate for appointment as a member of the European Commission is required to be conveyed to the European Commission.

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Appearance of proposed candidate before Joint Committee

2. (1) Following receipt of a notice under *section 1*, the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs shall invite the proposed candidate to appear before it for the purpose of responding to questions concerning his or her proposed nomination.

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(2) Where an invitation is extended to the candidate under *subsection (1)* he or she shall attend for the purpose of assisting the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs with its consideration of the proposed nomination.

(3) Where the proposed candidate—

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(a) declines to appear before,

- (b) fails to appear before, or
- (c) declines to cooperate with,

the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs, such act or omission shall cause his or her candidacy to be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect.

Debate in each House of candidacy 5

3. Following the successful completion of a hearing under *section 2*, and having regard to the proceedings which took place under *section 2*, each House shall at the request of not less than twenty members, hold a debate for the purpose of considering the suitability of a candidate who is the subject of a notice under *section 1*.

Provision for withdrawal of candidacy 10

4. (1) Where a person's candidacy is withdrawn or deemed under *section 2* to have been withdrawn, the Taoiseach shall as soon as possible thereafter lay before each House of the Oireachtas, notice of the replacement candidate which the Government proposes for appointment as a member of the Commission of the European Union.

- (2) The requirements of *section 1(2)*, *section 2* and *section 3* shall be applicable to any proposed replacement candidate. 15

Short title

5. This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Scrutiny of Appointments (European Commission) Act 2014.

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Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le grinnschrúdú parlaiminteach a dhéanamh ar an iarrthóir a mholann an Rialtas le haghaidh ceapacháin mar chomhalta de Choimisiún an Aontais Eorpaigh agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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