Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to provide that the Clerk-Assistant of the Dáil will perform the functions of the Clerk of the Dáil under the electoral Acts whenever the Clerk of the Dáil is not available through illness, absence or other cause and that the Clerk-Assistant of the Seanad will perform the functions of the Clerk of the Seanad under the electoral Acts whenever the Clerk of the Seanad is not available through illness, absence or other cause.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 provides (1) that if and so long as the office of Clerk of Dáil Éireann is vacant or the holder of that office is unable through illness, absence or other cause to perform his or her functions under the relevant statutory provisions the Clerk-Assistant of Dáil Éireann shall perform those functions, and (2) that the relevant statutory provisions are those in referenced sections of the Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act 1937; the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947; the Electoral Act 1992; the Presidential Elections Act 1993; the Referendum Act 1994 and the European Parliament Elections Act 1997.

Section 2 provides (1) that if and so long as the office of Clerk of Seanad Éireann is vacant or the holder of that office is unable through illness, absence or other cause to perform his or her functions under the relevant statutory provisions the Clerk-Assistant of Seanad Éireann shall perform those functions, and (2) that the relevant statutory provisions are those in referenced sections of the Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act 1937; the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947; the Electoral Act 1992 and the Presidential Elections Act 1993.

Section 3 contains standard provisions dealing with short title, construction and collective citations.

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil,
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