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# Bill

*entitled*

An Act to expand the electorate of Seanad Éireann bye elections to fill casual vacancies occurring amongst those members of Seanad Éireann to members of local authorities and to provide for matters incidental to or connected with such elections. 5

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

## **Interpretation**

1. In this Act, save where the context otherwise requires— 10

“Act of 1947” means Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947;

“Act of 2001” means Local Government Act 2001;

“local authority” means—

(a) a county council,

(b) a city council, 15

as defined in the Local Government Act 2001, as amended;

“member of a local authority” means a member of a local authority as defined in the Local Government Act 2001, as amended;

“Minister” means Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government;

“Seanad bye election” means an election to fill a casual vacancy as defined in the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947. 20

## **Repeal of section 69 of the Act of 1947**

2. Section 69 of the Act of 1947 is repealed.

## **Expansion of Seanad bye election electorate and electoral roll for Seanad bye elections**

3. The Act of 1947 shall be amended by the insertion of the following new section: 25

“69A.(1)At every Seanad bye election, the electorate shall consist of—

(a) the members of Dáil Éireann elected at the Dáil election consequent on the dissolution of Dáil Éireann which occasioned

- such Seanad general election,
- (b) the members of Seanad Éireann, and
  - (c) the members of every local authority.
- (2) Where the Seanad returning officer adjourns an election under this Chapter for the purpose of taking a poll, they shall forthwith inform the Clerk of Dáil Éireann in writing of the adjournment, and send to them a copy of the list of candidates, and the said Clerk shall, not more than four days after being so informed, furnish to the Seanad returning officer a statement of the names, addresses, and descriptions of all the members of Dáil Éireann who are then entitled to sit and vote in that House.
- (3) On receipt of a statement furnished pursuant to subsection (2) of this section in relation to an election, the Seanad returning officer shall prepare a list stating—
- (a) the names, addresses and descriptions included in such statement, and
  - (b) the names, addresses and descriptions of all the members of Seanad Éireann who are then entitled to sit and vote in that House,
  - (c) the names, addresses and descriptions of all the members of each local authority,
- and the list shall be the electoral roll for the election and shall be final and conclusive.”.

**Short title and commencement**

4. (1) This Act may be cited as the Seanad Electoral (Amendment) Act 2015.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as may be fixed by order or orders of the Minister.



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# BILLE

*(mar a tionscnaíodh)*

*dá ngairtear*

Acht do leathnú na toghlacha do chorrthoghcháin Sheanad Éireann chun corrfholúntais a líonadh a tharlóidh i measc na gcomhaltaí sin de Sheanad Éireann chuig comhaltaí d'údaráis áitiúla agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann nó a ghabhann leis na toghcháin sin.

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*Na Seanadóirí Diarmuid Macliam, Tomás Ó Broin, Marcus Ó Dálaigh, Toirleach Ó Loideáin, Marc MacSharry, Pascal Ó Maonaigh, Darragh O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O'Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Eamonn Ó Súilleabháin, Mary M. White, Séamus Breathnach, a thug isteach,*

*19 Samhain, 2015*

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*Introduced by Senators Diarmuid Wilson, Thomas Byrne, Mark Daly, Terry Leydon, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Darragh O'Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O'Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ned O'Sullivan, Mary M. White, Jim Walsh,*

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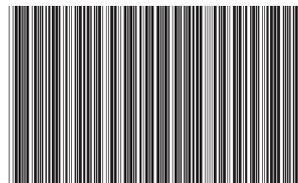
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