NEW SECTION

47a. In page 58, after line 16, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 21 (Power to Make Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy) of Principal Act

36. The Principal Act is amended in section 21(3) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (b):

“(c) In the case of a regional spatial and economic strategy for one or more parts of a region pursuant to a direction under paragraph (a), only members of a county council or city and county council elected in accordance with this Act for the local electoral areas situated in a planning authority covered by the strategy, collectively comprise the assembly membership for that area for the purpose of the performance of reserved functions and collectively shall be known as ‘area strategic plan members’.

(d) In the case of a regional spatial and economic strategy for one or more parts of a region, the plan shall be considered only by the area strategic plan members elected from planning authorities covered by the strategy and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements, as may be so prescribed.”.

—Senators Kevin Humphreys, Aodhán Ó Riordáin.

47b. In page 58, after line 16, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 43 of Local Government Act 1990 (as amended by section 62 of Local Government Reform Act 2014)

36. The Local Government Act 1990 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection 4:

“(4A) An establishment order or an order amending an establishment order shall be issued by the Minister no later than 1 July 2019 specifying the
number of members of each regional assembly to be appointed by each constituent local authority, and in particular shall ensure that—

(i) each constituent local authority shall appoint at least one member to a regional assembly,

(ii) the number of persons to be appointed to be members of a regional assembly by a constituent local authority shall, as far as practicable, be proportionate to the number of electors in each constituent local authority area,

(iii) within any regional assembly the variance in the ratio of local authority residents to members appointed by each local authority area should, as far as practicable, be within a range of plus or minus 10 per cent of the average ratio of local authority residents to members appointed by local authority areas represented on the regional assembly,

(iv) subject to a minimum total of 18 and a maximum total of 45 members of each regional assembly there should be one member for every 55,000 population resident in each constituent local authority area.”.

—Senators Kevin Humphreys, Aodhán Ó Riordáin.