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ACT REFERRED TO

Electoral Act 1997 (No. 25)



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entitled

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1997 to protect the right to freedom of association and expression for civil society organisations in Ireland and to provide for related matters. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretations

1. In this Act— 10
- “Principal Act” means the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended).

Amendment of section 22 of Principal Act

2. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following for the definition of “political purposes”:
- “political purposes” means any of the following purposes, namely— 15
- (i) (I) to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the interests of a political party, a political group, a member of either House of the Oireachtas or a representative in the European Parliament, or
 - (II) to present, directly or indirectly, the policies or a particular policy of a political party, a political group, a member of either House of the Oireachtas, a representative in the European Parliament, or 20
 - (III) to present, directly or indirectly, the comments of a political party, a political group, a member of either House of the Oireachtas or a representative in the European Parliament with regard to the policy or policies of another political party, political group, a member of either House of the Oireachtas, representative in the European Parliament or candidate at an election or referendum or otherwise, or 25 30
 - (IV) to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the interests of a third party in connection with the conduct or management of

any campaign conducted with a view to promoting or procuring a particular outcome at a Dáil, Seanad, European or local election, or referendum, such campaign relating to an election for which the polling day has been set by Government or a referendum for which the Referendum Commission has been established, 5

- (ii) to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, the election of a candidate at a Dáil, Seanad or European election or to solicit votes for or against a candidate or to present the policies or a particular policy of a candidate or the views of a candidate on any matter connected with the election or the comments of a candidate with regard to the policy or policies of a political party or a political group or of another candidate at the election or otherwise; 10
- (iii) otherwise to influence the outcome of the election or a referendum or campaign referred to in paragraph (i)(IV) of this definition;”. 15

Short title and commencement

- 3. (1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Civil Society Freedom) (Amendment) Act 2019. 20
- (2) This Act shall commence three months after enactment.

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BILLE

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dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta Toghcháin, 1997 chun an ceart chun saoirse comhlachais agus saoirse chun tuairimí a nochtadh a chosaint i gcomhair eagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta in Éirinn agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Na Seanadóirí Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, John G. Dolan, Prionsios Ní Dhuibhe, Colette Kelleher, Grace O'Sullivan, Ivana Bacik, David Norris, Victor Boyhan agus Fintan Warfield a thug isteach,

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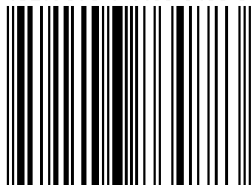
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