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**LEASUITHE COISTE
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Leasuithe Amendments

**Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

SECTION 2

1. In page 3, line 17, after “amended” to insert “, as respects European elections held after 25th May 2019,”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

2. In page 3, between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(2) Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new subsection after subsection (4):

“(5) Subsection (1) shall not apply in relation to any person who was registered as a European elector in a constituency in a register of electors which came into force prior to the enactment of the *European Parliaments Elections (Amendment) Act 2019*, or a supplement thereof, provided that person continues to be a resident of the State.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

Section opposed.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 7

3. In page 9, to delete lines 16 and 17 and substitute the following:

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| Dublin | The counties of: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin; and the city of Dublin. | 3 |
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”.

—*Senators Fintan Warfield, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

4. In page 9, between lines 21 and 22 to insert the following:

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| North | The counties of: Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone. | 2 |
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[SECTION.7]

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—*Senators Fintan Warfield, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan,
Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

5. In page 9, to delete lines 22 to 25 and substitute the following:

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| South | The counties of: Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Offaly, Tipperary, Wexford and Wicklow; the cities and counties of Limerick and Waterford; and the city of Cork. | 4 |
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”

—*Senators Fintan Warfield, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan,
Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

SECTION 8

6. In page 9, between lines 27 and 28, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 9 of Electoral Act 1992

8. Section 9 of the Electoral Act 1992 is amended by the insertion of the following new paragraph:

“(c) such other persons in the State as may be determined by law.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 9

7. In page 10, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“PART 2

Democratic representation of Irish citizens within the European Parliament

9. (1) The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government shall undertake a review of the steps required to ensure adequate representation in the European Parliament for citizens residing in the north of Ireland through the provision of a dedicated constituency.
- (2) The Minister shall send the findings of this review to the Oireachtas within two months of the enactment of this Act.”.

—*Senators Fintan Warfield, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan,
Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

8. In page 10, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Amendment of section 19 of Litter Pollution Act 1997

9. Section 19(7) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended by section 9 of the Electoral Amendment (No. 2) Act 2009) is amended—

[SECTION.9]

- (a) in paragraph (c), after “concerned” by the insertion of—

“and the advertisement is on a structure which has been designated by a local authority for the advertising of the election or bye-election concerned and is in compliance with any rules which the local authority has placed on the use of that structure”,

- (b) in paragraph (d), after “taken”, where it secondly occurs, by the insertion of—

“and the advertisement is on a structure which has been designated by a local authority for the advertising of the election or bye-election concerned and is in compliance with any rules which the local authority has placed on the use of that structure”,

and

- (c) in paragraph (e), after “taken”, where it secondly occurs, by the insertion of—

“and the advertisement is on a structure which has been designated by a local authority for the advertising of the election or bye-election concerned and is in compliance with any rules which the local authority has placed on the use of that structure”.”.

—*Senator Grace O’Sullivan.*

9. In page 10, between lines 11 and 12, to insert the following:

“Report and review of European electoral register

9. (1) The Minister shall, within 30 months of the passing of this Act, initiate a report and review on the potential extension of the European electoral register to include Non-EU citizens resident in the State.
- (2) Within 8 months of the initiation of such a report and review, the Minister shall lay the report and review before both Houses of the Oireachtas.”.

—*Senator Alice-Mary Higgins.*

TITLE

10. In page 3, line 12, to delete “Electoral Act 1992” and substitute “Electoral Acts 1992 to 2014”.

—*Senator Grace O’Sullivan.*