

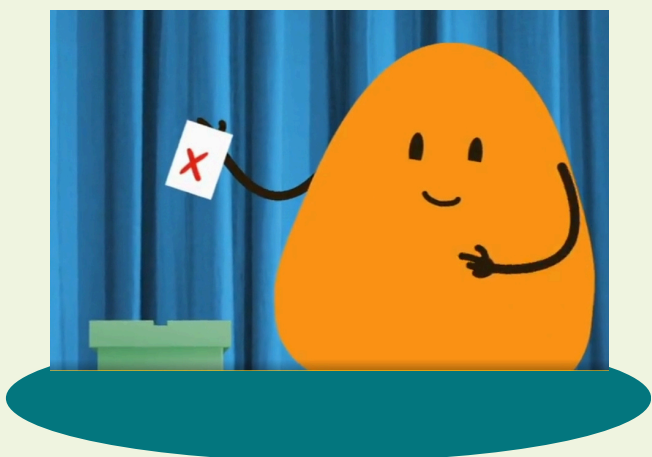


BYE-ELECTIONS

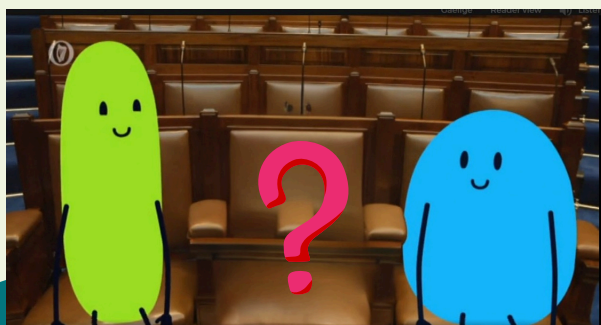
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WHAT IS A BYE-ELECTION?

A bye-election is an election to elect a new member of the Dáil (TD) by filling an empty seat in a Dáil constituency between planned elections.



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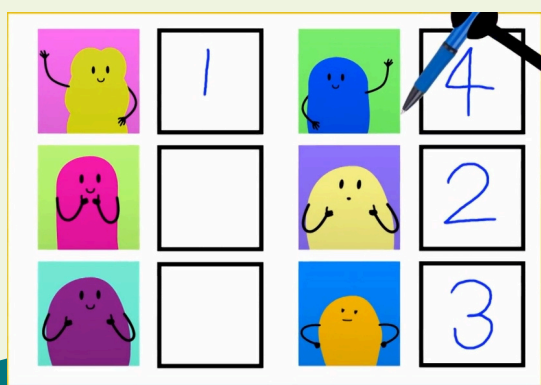
HOW DO DÁIL SEATS BECOME VACANT?

If a TD dies, resigns or retires, their seat becomes empty or vacant.

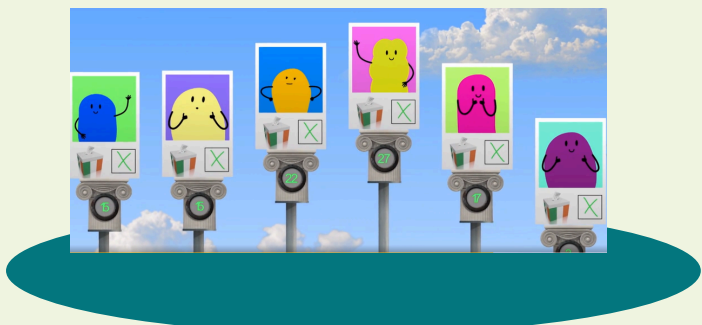
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VOTING

Votes are held in the constituency that has an empty seat. The ballot sheet has the candidates' names and photos on it and voters can vote 1 for their favourite candidate, 2 for the next and so on.



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HOW ARE THE VOTES COUNTED

The votes are counted and the number of votes needed to win is worked out. This number is called the quota. The candidate who reaches the quota first wins.

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THE NEW TD

The new TD takes their seat in the Dáil and is then a member of the Oireachtas.

