SEANAD ÉIREANN

Fógra ar Leasúithe ar Thairiscint:

"Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann:

a cheadú go ndéanfar Tionól Saoránach a ghairm chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar na nithe seo a leanas agus chun cibé moltaí a dhéanamh is cuí leis agus chun tuairisciú do Thithe an Oireachtais:

(i) an tOchtú Leasú ar an mBunreacht;

(ii) conas is fearr is féidir linn tabhairt faoi na dúshláin agus na deiseanna a bhaineann le daonra atá ag dul in aois;

(iii) parlaimintí ar théarma seasta; agus

(iv) an modh ina seoltar reifrinn; agus

a thabhairt dá aire:

— gur 100 duine mar a leanas a bheidh i gcomhaltas an Tionóil:

  — Cathaoirleach a bheidh le ceapadh ag an Rialtas; agus

  — 99 saoránach atá i dteideal vótáil i reifreann, arna roghnú go hamasach sa chaoi go mbeidh siad ionadaitheach do shochaí na hÉireann i gcoitinne;

— féadfar ionadaithe a cheapadh faoi réir na gcritéar roghnóireachta thuas, agus beidh na hionadaithe sin in ann páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí agus vótáil faoina n-ainm féin;

— comhaontóidh an Tionól a rialacha nóis imeachta féin d'fhonn a ghnó a sheoladh go héifeachtach ar shlí a bheidh chomh heacnamúil agus is féidir;

— sa chéad ásc, tabharfaidh an tionól tuarascáil, agus déanfaidh sé moladh, do Thithe an Oireachtais ar an ní a leagtar amach ag (i) thuas, agus ar an méid sin a fháil tarchuirfidh Tithe an Oireachtais an

Notice of Amendments to Motion:

That Seanad Éireann:

approves the calling of a Citizens' Assembly to consider the following matters and to make such recommendations as it sees fit and report to the Houses of the Oireachtas:

(i) the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution;

(ii) how we best respond to the challenges and opportunities of an ageing population;

(iii) fixed term parliaments; and

(iv) the manner in which referenda are held; and

notes that:

— membership of the Assembly will consist of 100 persons as follows:

  — a Chairperson to be appointed by the Government; and

  — 99 citizens entitled to vote at a referendum, randomly selected so as to be broadly representative of Irish society;

— substitutes may be appointed subject to the selection criteria above, who will be entitled to contribute to the proceedings and vote in their own name;

— the Assembly will agree its own rules of procedure for the effective conduct of its business in as economical a manner as possible;

— the Assembly will first make a report and recommendation on the matter set out at (i) above to the Houses of the Oireachtas, which on receipt will refer the report for consideration to a Committee of both

Tuarascáil lena breithniú chuig Coiste den Dá Theach, ar Coiste é a dhéanfaidh a chuid tátal a chur faoi bhráid na dTithe chun díospóireacht a dhéanamh orthu;

Houses which will in turn bring its conclusions to the Houses for debate;

— tuairisceoidh an Tionól do Thithe an Oireachtais agus déanfaidh sé moltaí dóibh ar gach ní eile a luaithe a bheidh a phléití críochnaithe aige agus, in aon chás, tráth nach déanaí ná bliain amháin ó dháta an chéad chruinnithe den Tionól;

— the Assembly will report and make recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on each remaining matter as soon as it has completed its deliberations, but in any event not later than one year from the date of the first Assembly meeting;

— iarrfar ar an Tionól freisin breithniú a dhéanamh ar cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfear chuige;

— the Assembly will also be asked to consider such other matters as may be referred to it;

— bunófar Gasra Comhairleach Saineolaithe chun cabhrú le hobair an Tionóil, ó thaobh faisnéis agus comhairle a ullmhú;

— an Expert Advisory Group will be established to assist the work of the Assembly in terms of preparing information and advice;

— féadfaidh an Tionól aighneachtaí a iarraidh ó chomhlachtaí leasmhara agus glacadh leo agus lorgóidh sé cibé comhairle shaineolaíoch is dóigh leis is inmhianaithe;

— the Assembly may invite and accept submissions from interested bodies and will seek such expert advice as it considers desirable;

— déanfar gach ní a bheidh os comhair an Tionóil a chinneadh trí thromlach de vótaí na gcomhaltaí a bheidh i láthair agus a vótálfaidh, seachas an Cathaoirleach a mbeidh vóta cinniúna aige nó aici i gcás comhionannas vótaí; agus

— all matters before the Assembly will be determined by a majority of the votes of members present and voting, other than the Chairperson who will have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes; and

— tabharfaidh an Rialtas freagra i dTithe na Oireachtais ar gach moladh a dhéanfaidh an Tionól agus, má tá sé chun glacadh leis an moladh, cuirfidh sé an creat ama in iúl ar lena linn atá sé ag brath aon reifreann gaolmhar a sheoladh;

— the Government will provide in the Houses of the Oireachtas a response to each recommendation of the Assembly and, if accepting the recommendation, will indicate the timeframe it envisages for the holding of any related referendum.”

– Senator Jerry Buttimer.
[11th July, 2016]

Leasúithe:
Amendments:

1. To delete all words after “in as economical a manner as possible;” down to and including “from the date of the first Assembly meeting;” and substitute the following:

“ - the Assembly will first make a report and recommendation on the matter set out at (i) above to the Houses of the Oireachtas within three months from the date of the Assembly’s first sitting;

- on receipt of the report and recommendation on the matter set out at (i), the Houses will refer the report for consideration to a Committee of both Houses which will in turn bring its conclusions to the Houses for debate;

- the timeframe for the process whereby the report and recommendation set out at (i) is made to the Houses of the Oireachtas, its referral to a Committee of both Houses and its conclusions to the Houses for debate shall be no longer than three months in duration;".

  \- *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice Mary Higgins.*

  [**13th July, 2016**]

2. To delete all words after "(i) the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution;" down to and including "(iv) the manner in which referenda are held;".

   \- *Senators Alice Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane.*

   [**13th July, 2016**]

3. After "(iv) the manner in which referenda are held;" to insert:

   "(v) how the State can make Ireland a leader in tackling climate change;".

   \- *Senators Grace O'Sullivan, John Dolan.*

   [**13th July, 2016**]