

Classified List of Acts in Force in Ireland

Updated to 20 April 2024 (Act No. 10 of 2024 and S.I. No. 186 of 2024)

13. Election and Referendum Law

13.1. Constitutional Referendum

<p>Environ¹</p>	<p>Referendum Act 1994</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum Act, 1994 (Commencement) Order 1994, S.I. No. 183 of 1994 • Referendum (Forms) Regulations 1995, S.I. No. 246 of 1995 • Referendum Act, 1994 Referendum (Ballot Paper) Order 1998, S.I. No. 103 of 1998² • Referendum (Ballot Paper) Order 2001, S.I. No. 203 of 2001 • Referendum (Ballot Paper) (No. 3) Order 2001, S.I. No. 204 of 2001 • Referendum (Ballot Paper) (No. 4) Order 2001, S.I. No. 205 of 2001 	<p>12/1994</p>
<p>Environ³</p>	<p>Referendum Act 1998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 1998, S.I. No. 53 of 1998⁴ • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 1998, S.I. No. 113 of 1998 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 1999, S.I. No. 114 of 1999 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2001, S.I. No. 155 of 2001 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2001, S.I. No. 156 of 2001 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 3) Order 2001, S.I. No. 157 of 2001 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 4) Order 2001, S.I. No. 158 of 2001 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2002, S.I. No. 33 of 2002 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2002, S.I. No. 346 of 2002 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2004, S.I. No. 170 of 2004 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2008, S.I. No. 58 of 2008 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2009, S.I. No. 257 of 2009 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2011, S.I. No. 445 of 2011 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2011, S.I. No. 466 of 2011 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2012, S.I. No. 100 of 2012 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2012, S.I. No. 352 of 2012 	<p>1/1998</p>

¹ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

² This and following greyed-out SIs are obsolete and should be revoked.

³ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 480 of 2011.

⁴ This and following greyed-out SIs are obsolete and should be revoked.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2013, S.I. No. 185 of 2013 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2013, S.I. No. 250 of 2013 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2015, S.I. No. 26 of 2015 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2015, S.I. No. 27 of 2015 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2018, S.I. No. 66 of 2018 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2018, S.I. No. 255 of 2018 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) Order 2019, S.I. No. 68 of 2019 • Referendum Commission (Establishment) (No. 2) Order 2019, S.I. No. 484 of 2019 	
Environ	Referendum Act 2001	53/2001

13.2. Dáil Éireann (General) Elections

Environ ⁵	<p>Electoral Act 1992</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral Act, 1992 (Commencement) Order 1992, S.I. No. 321 of 1992 • Electoral Act, 1992 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 1992, S.I. No. 322 of 1992 • Electoral Act, 1992 (Commencement) (No. 3) Order 1992, S.I. No. 386 of 1992 • Electoral Regulations 1992, S.I. No. 407 of 1992⁶ • Electoral Act, 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 1994, S.I. No. 132 of 1994⁷ • Registration of Electors (County of Kildare) (Special Difficulty) Order 1995, S.I. No. 354 of 1995⁸ • Referendum (Special Difficulty) Order 1996, S.I. No. 345 of 1996⁹ • Seanad (University Members) General Election (Special Difficulty) Order 1997, S.I. No. 312 of 1997¹⁰ • Seanad (University Members) General Election (Special Difficulty) (No. 2) Order 1997, S.I. No. 321 of 1997¹¹ • Presidential Election and Referendum Regulations 1997, S.I. No. 394 of 1997¹² • Registration of Electors (County of Monaghan) (Special Difficulty) Order 1997, S.I. No. 469 of 1997¹³ 	23/1992
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⁵ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

⁶ The enabling provisions are Electoral Act 1992 (23/1992), ss. 46 and 111. Section 46 was substituted by Electoral Amendment Act 2007 (14/2007), s. 1(a), and s. 111 remains in force. This SI appears to remain in force - it prescribes the form of nomination papers to be used at a Dáil election and specifies the documents which an elector may be required to produce at a polling station. However, it has been superseded by S.I. Nos. 156 of 2007 and 369 of 2012, and should be revoked.

⁷ This SI concerns polls on 9 June 1994. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

⁸ This SI concerns the register of electors for Co. Kildare for the year 1996/97. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

⁹ This SI concerns the extension of voting on certain islands to 28 November 1996. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹⁰ This SI concerns the election closing on 6 August 1997. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² This SI concerns polls on 30 October 1997. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹³ This SI concerns the register of electors for Co. Monaghan for the year 1997/99. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum Act, 1994 Referendum (Special Difficulty) Order 1998, S.I. No. 122 of 1998¹⁴ • Electoral Act, 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 1999, S.I. No. 153 of 1999¹⁵ • Electoral Regulations, 1992 (Amendment) Regulations 1999, S.I. No. 314 of 1999¹⁶ • Referendum (Special Difficulty) Order 2001, S.I. No. 206 of 2001¹⁷ • Register of Electors (Administrative County of Tipperary North Riding) (Special Difficulty) (No. 2) Order 2001, S.I. No. 214 of 2001¹⁸ • Supplement To Postal Voters (Special Difficulty) Order 2002, S.I. No. 186 of 2002¹⁹ • Electoral Act, 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 2004, S.I. No. 237 of 2004²⁰ • Electoral Regulations 2007, S.I. No. 156 of 2007 • Supplement to Postal Voters List (Special Difficulty) Order 2007, S.I. No. 215 of 2007²¹ • Electoral Act 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 2009, S.I. No. 179 of 2009²² • Electoral Act 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 204 of 2014²³ • Electoral Act 1992 (Special Difficulty) (Assent to Nomination of Candidate at Dáil Election) Order 2016, S.I. No. 55 of 2016²⁴ • Electoral Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 537 of 2016 • Presidential Elections (Ballot Paper Template) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 395 of 2018 • Electoral (Supplement to the Register of Electors) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 153 of 2019 • Elections (Ballot Paper Template) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 196 of 2019 • Electoral Act 1992 (Section 165) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 214 of 2019 • Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 481 of 2019 • Electoral Act 1992 (Special Difficulty) Order 2020, S.I. No. 34 of 2020 • Electoral Act 1992 (Special Difficulty) Order 2021, S.I. No. 301 of 2021 • Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations 2021, S.I. No. 648 of 2021 • Electoral (Amendment) Regulations 2024, S.I. No. 142 of 2024 	
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 1996	43/1996

¹⁴ This SI concerns polls on 22 May 1998. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹⁵ This SI concerns polls on 11 June 1999. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹⁶ The enabling provisions are Electoral Act 1992 (23/1992), ss. 3 and 46. Section 3 is a general enabling provision and s. 46 was substituted by Electoral Amendment Act 2007 (14/2007), s. 1(a). This SI amends the Electoral Regulations 1992, S.I. No. 407 of 1992, which though not revoked are superseded, see above. It revises the form of nomination paper to be used at a Dáil election regarding the appointment of an election agent. It has been superseded by S.I. No. 369 of 2012 which prescribes the form of nomination paper to be used at a Dáil election, and should be revoked.

¹⁷ This SI concerns polls on 7 June 2001. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹⁸ This SI concerns the register of electors for Tipperary North for the year 2001/02. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

¹⁹ This SI concerns an election on 17 May 2002. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

²⁰ This SI concerns polls on 11 June 2004. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

²¹ This SI concerns polls on 24 May 2007. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

²² This SI concerns polls on 5 June 2009. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

²³ This SI concerns polls on 24 May 2014. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

²⁴ This SI concerns the election held as a consequence of the Proclamation issued on 3 February 2016 dissolving Dail Eireann. It is obsolete and should be revoked.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of Electors Regulations 1997, S.I. No. 5 of 1997²⁵ 	
Environ ²⁶	<p>Electoral Act 1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral Act, 1997 (Commencement) Order 1997, S.I. No. 233 of 1997 Registration of Electors Order 1997, S.I. No. 244 of 1997²⁷ Electoral Act, 1997 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 1997, S.I. No. 245 of 1997 Electoral Act, 1997 Constituency Commission (Establishment) Order 1997, S.I. No. 393 of 1997²⁸ Electoral Act, 1997 (Section 33) Order 1999, S.I. No. 121 of 1999²⁹ European Parliament Election (Reimbursement of Expenses) Regulations 1999, S.I. No. 122 of 1999 Electoral Act, 1997 (Limitation of Election Expenses At Dáil Election) Order 1999, S.I. No. 317 of 1999³⁰ Constituency Commission (Establishment) Order 2003, S.I. No. 292 of 2003³¹ Electoral Act 1997 (Section 3) Order 2004, S.I. No. 87 of 2004 Electoral Act 1997 (Limitation and Reimbursement of Election Expenses at Dáil Election) Order 2007, S.I. No. 113 of 2007 Constituency Commission (Establishment) Order 2007, S.I. No. 174 of 2007³² Constituency Commission (Membership) Order 2007, S.I. No. 355 of 2007³³ Constituency Commission (Establishment) Order 2011, S.I. No. 396 of 2011³⁴ European Parliament Constituencies Committee (Establishment) Order 2013, S.I. No. 282 of 2013 Electoral Act 1997 (Commencement) Order 2014, S.I. No. 95 of 2014 Electoral Act 1997 (Section 78 (a) and (b)) (Commencement) Order 2016, S.I. No. 20 of 2016 Constituency Commission (Establishment) Order 2016, S.I. No. 374 of 2016 European Parliament Constituency Committee (Establishment) Order 2018, S.I. No. 279 of 2018 Electoral Act 1997 (Section 3) Order 2024, S.I. No. 133 of 2024 Electoral Act 1997 (Section 102) Order 2024, S.I. No. 136 of 2024 	25/1997
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 1998	4/1998
Environ ³⁵	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001	38/2001

²⁵ This SI is obsolete/spent by lapse of time and should be revoked.

²⁶ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

²⁷ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

²⁸ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

²⁹ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³⁰ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³¹ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³² This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³³ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³⁴ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

³⁵ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2001 (Commencement) Order 2001, S.I. No. 497 of 2001 Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, S.I. No. 67 of 2002 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, S.I. No. 68 of 2002 	
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2002	4/2002
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2002	23/2002
Environ ³⁶	<p>Electoral (Amendment) Act 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral (Amendment) Act 2004 (Commencement) Order 2004, S.I. No. 215 of 2004 Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 - Part 3 Order 2002 (Revocation) Order 2005, S.I. No. 75 of 2005³⁷ Electoral (Amendment) Act 2004 (Commencement) Order 2005, S.I. No. 76 of 2005³⁸ Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 Part 3 Order 2002 (Revocation) Order 2007, S.I. No. 192 of 2007³⁹ 	15/2004
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2005	16/2005
Environ	<p>Electoral (Amendment) Act 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral (Amendment) Act 2006 Registration of Electors (Entry in Postal Voters List) Order 2007, S.I. No. 1 of 2007 	33/2006
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2007	14/2007
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2009	4/2009
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009	9/2009
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2011	14/2011
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2012	27/2012
Environ	<p>Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013⁴⁰</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2013, S.I. No. 272 of 2013 Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2013, S.I. No. 424 of 2013 Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013 (Commencement) (No. 3) Order 2013, S.I. No. 584 of 2013 	27/2013
Environ	<p>Electoral (Amendment) Act 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to Central Fund) Order 2023, S.I. No. 137 of 2023 	8/2014
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2014	24/2014

³⁶ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

³⁷ This SI is spent/obsolete and should be revoked.

³⁸ This SI is obsolete as electronic voting is discontinued.

³⁹ This SI is spent/obsolete and should be revoked.

⁴⁰ Also listed at Title 29.1.1: Planning and Development, General.

Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2015	62/2015
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2016	5/2016
Local Gov	Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017	39/2017
Local Gov ⁴¹	Electoral Reform Act 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral Reform Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2022, S.I. No. 512 of 2022 Electoral Reform Act 2022 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2022, S.I. No. 720 of 2022 Electoral Reform Act 2022 (Establishment Day) Order 2023, S.I. No. 31 of 2023 Electoral Reform Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2023, S.I. No. 32 of 2023 	30/2022
Local Gov	Electoral (Amendment) Act 2023	40/2023

13.3. European Parliament Elections

Environ ⁴²	European Parliament Elections Act 1997 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Parliament Elections Act, 1997 (Commencement) Order 1997, S.I. No. 163 of 1997 European Parliament Elections Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 75 of 2019 European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2024, S.I. No. 98 of 2024 	2/1997
Environ	European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act 2004	2/2004
Environ	Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013	27/2013
Environ	European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act 2014	2/2014
Local Gov	European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2019, S.I. No. 117 of 2019 European Parliament Elections (Amendment) Act 2019 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2019, S.I. No. 220 of 2019 	7/2019

13.4. Local Elections

Transport	Local Elections Act 1965 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Elections Act, 1965 (Section 5) Regulations 1974, S.I. No. 258 of 1974 Local Elections Act, 1965 (Section 5) Regulations 1975, S.I. No. 223 of 1975 Local Elections Act 1965 (Harbour Authorities) Regulations 1991, S.I. No. 242 of 1991 	19/1965
Environ	Local Elections (Petitions and Disqualifications) Act 1974	8/1974
Environ ⁴³	Local Government Act 1991	11/1991

⁴¹ Gaeltacht (in part); see S.I. No. 28 of 2024

⁴² Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

⁴³ Ministerial functions under s. 6(7) and 28(5) transferred from Finance to Public Expenditure and Reform by S.I. No. 318 of 2015.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Act, 1991 (Commencement) Order 1996, S.I. No. 215 of 1996 Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) Order 2014, S.I. No. 573 of 2014⁴⁴ Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) (Amendment) Order 2023, S.I. No. 486 of 2023 	
Environ	<p>Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 (Period For Reckoning Election Expenses) Order 2009, S.I. No. 111 of 2009⁴⁵ Local Elections (Forms) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 100 of 2014 Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 (Period for Reckoning Election Expenses) Order 2014, S.I. No. 144 of 2014⁴⁶ Local Elections (Disclosure Of Donations And Expenditure) Act 1999 (Period For Reckoning Election Expenses) Order 2019, S.I. No. 118 of 2019 Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 (Variation of Monetary Amounts) Order 2024, S.I. No. 134 of 2024 Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 (Period for Reckoning Election Expenses) Order 2024, S.I. No. 135 of 2024 	7/1999

13.5. Presidential Elections

Environ ⁴⁷	<p>Presidential Elections Act 1993</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential Elections Act, 1993 (Commencement) Order 1993, S.I. No. 353 of 1993 Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011, S.I. No. 258 of 2011 Presidential Elections (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 329 of 2018 	28/1993
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13.6. Seanad Éireann Elections

Environ	<p>Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act 1937</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) Regulations 1938, S.R.& O. No. 18 of 1938 Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations, S.I. No. 201 of 1972 Seanad Electoral (Charges of Returning Officers in University Constituencies) Order, S.I. No. 23 of 1983⁴⁸ Seanad Electoral (Charges of Returning Officers in University Constituencies) Order 1987, S.I. No. 103 of 1987⁴⁹ Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, S.I. No. 290 of 2000 Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, S.I. No. 67 of 2002 Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 483 of 2019 	30/1937
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⁴⁴ SI made under more than one Act.

⁴⁵ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

⁴⁶ This SI relates to local elections in 2014 and is spent thereafter.

⁴⁷ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

⁴⁸ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

⁴⁹ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

Environ ⁵⁰	<p>Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seanad (Registration of Nominating Bodies) Regulations 1950, S.I. No. 309 of 1950⁵¹ Seanad Electoral (Panel Members)(Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1954, S.I. No. 91 of 1954 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1972, S.I. No. 202 of 1972 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, S.I. No. 291 of 2000 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, S.I. No. 68 of 2002 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed forms) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007, S.I. No. 191 of 2007 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed forms) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007, S.I. No. 231 of 2007 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2009, S.I. No. 283 of 2009 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 21 of 2016 Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 482 of 2019 	42/1947
Environ	<p>Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1954</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1954 (Date of Commencement) Order 1954, S.I. No. 70 of 1954 	1/1954
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 1972 ⁵²	4/1972
Environ	Electoral (Amendment) Act 1973 ⁵³	3/1973

13.7. Electoral Funding

Environ	<p>Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2012, S.I. No. 368 of 2012 Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2012, S.I. No. 432 of 2012 	36/2012
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13.8. ECA Section 3 Statutory Instruments

Foreign	<p>European Communities Act 1972</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Parliament Elections (Voting and Candidature) Regulations 1994, S.I. No. 14 of 1994 	27/1972
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⁵⁰ Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

⁵¹ This SI is obsolete/spent and should be revoked.

⁵² Repealed only insofar as it relates to presidential elections: 28/1993, ss. 1 (3), 2, sch., and referenda. Amendment of Electoral Act 1963 is spent as that Act is repealed. It still appears to be in force in relation to Seanad elections.

⁵³ Repealed only insofar as it relates to presidential elections: 28/1993, ss. 1 (3), 2, sch. It still appears to be in effect in relation to Seanad elections.