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*As initiated*

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# **Bill**

*entitled*

An Act to amend the provisions of the Electoral Act 1992 to extend the right to vote in Dáil and European Elections to all adults of voting age who have been legally resident in the State for five years; and to provide for related matters. 5

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

## **Interpretation**

1. In this Act— 10
- “Minister” means the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government;
- “Principal Act” means the Electoral Act 1992.

## **Registration of Dáil Electors**

2. The Principal Act is amended in section 8 by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1): 15
- “(1) A person shall be entitled to be registered as a Dáil elector in a constituency if he or she has reached the age of eighteen years and was on the qualifying date—
- (a) ordinarily resident in that constituency, and
- (b) legally resident in the State for at least five years.”. 20

## **Registration of European Electors**

3. The Principal Act is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 9: 25
- “9. A person shall be entitled to be registered as a European elector in a constituency if he or she has reached the age of eighteen years and was on the qualifying date—
- (a) ordinarily resident in that constituency, and
- (b) legally resident in the State for at least five years.”.

**Short title and commencement**

4. (1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) (Voting Rights for Residents) Act 2017.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as, by order or orders made by the Minister under this section, may be fixed therefor either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so fixed for different purposes and different provisions 5



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# BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú fhorálacha an Achta Toghcháin, 1992 chun an ceart chun vótáil i dToghcháin Dála agus i dToghcháin Eorpacha a leathnú chuig gach aosach atá ar aois vótála agus a bhfuil cónaí air nó uirthi de réir dlí sa Stát le cúig bliana anuas; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Na Seanadóirí Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile agus Máire Devine a thug isteach,

9 Samhain, 2017

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Introduced by Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile and Máire Devine,

9th November, 2017