



Local Government (Voting Age) Elections Bill, 2010

As initiated

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BILL

Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE, THE LOWERING OF THE SUFFRAGE TO SIXTEEN YEARS IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS;

PART 1

Preliminary and General

Definitions

1. – This bill may be cited as the “Local Government Elections Bill 2010;

“Local authority” means a body established in accordance with *section 43* of the *Local Government Act 1991*;

“Polling day” means the date of which the election is being held;

Expenses

2. – Any expenses incurred by this Minister in administration shall be provided by the Oireachtas.

Commencement

3. – This Bill will commence on date of enactment.

General Power

To make regulations

4. – This Bill may be regulated by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government at any time. Amendments to this Bill should be titled: *Local Government Elections Bill 2010, Amendment 1, 2, 3 etc.*

PART 2

General Functions

Entitlements

5. – All persons over sixteen years no less than thirty days before polling day are eligible to vote in Local Elections;

Registration

6. –The person must have sent the RFA1 to their Local Authority thirty days before polling day in order to be entitled to vote.

(1) A written letter must be sent to the voter confirming their eligibility to vote in Local Elections signed by the region's Election officer.

(2) If the letter of confirmation is not sent thirty days before the

election, the person is not entitled to vote in the Local Election.

Surrender of Vote

7. - A person may surrender his or her voting privileges no less than thirty days before polling day.
