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**Referendum (Amendment) Bill 2015**

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Referendum Act 1994 (No. 12)



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REFERENDUM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015**

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# Bill

*entitled*

An Act to amend the Referendum Act 1994 to provide for a specific timeframe within which the Courts must hear and make a finding on a referendum petition and related matters. 5

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

## **Definitions**

1. In this Act, “the Act of 1994” means the Referendum Act 1994. 10

## **Amendment of section 44 of Act of 1994**

2. Section 44 of the Act of 1994 is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1):

“(2) The High Court shall ordinarily hear a petition no later than 7 days after a petition is lodged in accordance with subsection (1).” 15

## **Amendment of section 46 of Act of 1994**

3. (1) Section 46(2)(a) of the Act of 1994 is amended to be read as follows:

“(a) the court shall ordinarily make a finding on the petition no later than 90 days from the date upon which the petition was lodged;”.

- (2) Section 46(2)(e) of the Act of 1994 is amended to be read as follows: 20

“(e) the local returning officer for a constituency to which the petition relates shall, at the request of the court, attend the trial and give such assistance as is requested by the court, but without prejudice to his being called as a witness by any party;”.

- (3) Section 46(2) of the Act of 1994 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (2)(e): 25

“(f) in the event of an appeal of the decision of the High Court, such an appeal shall be lodged in the Supreme Court no later than 7 days from the date upon which the High Court finding was made and the appellate court shall endeavour to make a finding on the appeal no later than 90 days from the date upon which the appeal was lodged.” 30

**Short title**

4. This Act may be cited as the Referendum (Amendment) Act 2015.



Bille an Reifrinn (Leasú), 2015

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# BILLE

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Acht do leasú Acht an Reifrinn, 1994 chun socrú a dhéanamh maidir le creat ama sonrath ar laistigh de a chaithfidh na Cúirteanna achainí reifrinn a éisteacht agus cinneadh a dhéanamh ina leith agus i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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*An Teachtaí Pádraig Mac Lochlainn agus Gearóid Mac Ádhaimh a thug isteach,*

*15 Iúil, 2015*

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*Introduced by Deputies Pádraig Mac Lochlainn and Gerry Adams,*

*15th July, 2015*

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