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entitled

An Act to amend the Electoral Act 1963 to ensure that ballot papers with a numerical sequence beginning with a number other than one (two, three, four etc) could be deemed as valid votes in terms of expressing a first preference.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

.1.—In this Act—

“the Principal Act” means the Electoral Act 1923.

Amendment of section 36 of Act of 1963

Section 36 of the Act of 1963 is amended.

Delete section 36 (2) (2) of the Act of 1963 and insert a new section 36 (2) (2)

(2) Rule 12 of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the following paragraphs for paragraph (2):

“(2) The expression ‘first preference’ means the figure ‘1’, the word ‘one’ or a mark such as ‘X’ or a numerical sequence beginning with a number other than one, which, in the opinion of the returning officer, clearly indicates a first preference; the expression ‘second preference’ means the figure ‘2’, the word ‘two’ or a mark which, in the opinion of the returning officer, clearly indicates a second preference, standing in succession to a first preference; and the expression ‘third preference’ means

the figure '3', the word 'three' or a mark which, in the opinion of the returning officer, clearly indicates a third preference, standing in succession to a second preference; and so on.

2 Short title, collective citation and construction

(1) This Act may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2019