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For me, the main points of reform should reflect the following:

- *One person, one vote:* there should be an end to multiple votes with all those over 18. who are registered to vote, being eligible to vote in elections to both Houses of the Oireachtas
- *Panels:* the panels remain and those nominated - and subsequently chosen - should have proven expertise in the areas represented by said panel
- *Constituencies:* the Seanad should continue to contrast and compliment the Dail, not mirror it. Consequently, prospective candidates should be chosen as per panel, not changed to geographic locations like the Dail as this would change not only the composition but the ethos and functioning of the Seanad
- *Taoiseach nominees:* these remain to allow nomination of additional people whose proven expertise and experience can contribute productively to debate in the Seanad

With regards to the details of constitutional duties, etc., I support those as outlined in the *Seanad Bill, 2013* (Quinn Zappone Bill).

With kind regards,

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