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1. **Foreword**

The purpose of this booklet is to set out in convenient form the subject matter and result of each referendum held during the period 1937 to 2024. The plebiscite on the draft Constitution in 1937 is also included. The draft Constitution was approved by the people at a plebiscite held on 1 July 1937.

The Constitution provides for two kinds of referendum -

- a referendum on a proposal to amend the Constitution (referred to in law as a "constitutional referendum"), and

- a referendum on a proposal other than a proposal to amend the Constitution (referred to in law as an "ordinary referendum").

An ordinary referendum may take place when a proposal contained in a Bill is determined to be of such national importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained. No ordinary referendum has taken place to date.

A constitutional referendum relates to proposals for the amendment of the Constitution. The first two amendments to the Constitution took place during the transitional period within which the Constitution could be amended by ordinary law without a referendum in accordance with Article 51. These amendments were effected by the First Amendment of the Constitution Act 1939 and the Second Amendment of the Constitution Act 1941 respectively.

Referendums have taken place on a total of forty-three proposals to amend the Constitution. Thirty proposals have been approved by the people and thirteen have been rejected.

Summary Results of Constitutional Referendums

AMENDMENT APPROVED		AMENDMENT NOT APPROVED	
		Voting system	1959
		Formation of Dáil constituencies	1968
		Voting system	
Accession to the European Communities	1972		
Voting age	1972		
Recognition of specified religions			
Adoption	1979		
University representation in Seanad			
Right to life of the unborn	1983		
Extension of voting right at Dáil elections	1984		
		Dissolution of marriage	1986
Single European Act	1987		
European Union (Maastricht)	1992		
Travel	1992	Right to life	1992
Information			
Dissolution of marriage	1995		
Bail	1996		
Cabinet confidentiality	1997		

AMENDMENT APPROVED		AMENDMENT NOT APPROVED	
Treaty of Amsterdam British-Irish Agreement	1998		
Local government	1999		
Death penalty International Criminal Court	2001	Treaty of Nice	2001
		Human Life in Pregnancy	2002
Treaty of Nice	2002		
Citizenship	2004		
		Lisbon Treaty	2008
Treaty of Lisbon	2009		
Judges' Remuneration	2011	Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries	2011
Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union	2012		
Children	2012		
Court of Appeal	2013	Abolition of Seanad Éireann	2013
Marriage Equality	2015	Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President	2015
Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill	2018		
Thirty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Repeal of offence of publication or utterance of blasphemous matter) Bill	2018		
Thirty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Dissolution of Marriage) Bill 2016	2019		
		Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023	2024

AMENDMENT APPROVED	AMENDMENT NOT APPROVED

This booklet contains a summary of the procedure in relation to the conduct of a referendum, the text of the amendments and the referendum results.

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2. **Procedure at an ordinary referendum**

An ordinary referendum may take place when the President, on receipt of a joint petition from a majority of the members of the Seanad and not less than one third of the members of the Dáil and following consultation with the Council of State, decides that a Bill contains a proposal of such national importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained before the measure becomes law. The procedure at an ordinary referendum is similar to that described in the following paragraphs in relation to a constitutional referendum except that the proposal is held to have been vetoed by the people if the majority of the votes are cast against it and such votes represent not less than one-third of the voters on the register of electors. To date, no ordinary referendum has been held.

3. **Procedure at a constitutional referendum**

A proposal to amend the Constitution must be introduced in the Dáil as a Bill. When the Bill has been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas (Parliament), it must be submitted to the people for approval at a referendum. If a majority of the votes cast at the referendum are in favour of the proposal, the Bill is signed by the President and the Constitution is amended accordingly.

4. **Conduct of a referendum**

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage makes an order appointing polling day and the hours of polling. The Minister also appoints a referendum returning officer who is responsible for the overall conduct of the referendum. The referendum is generally conducted by reference to the same constituencies as for Dáil elections and the returning officers for Dáil elections are the local returning officers for the referendum. However, to facilitate the taking of the poll with local elections, the Minister may instead provide that each city and county council area shall be deemed to be a constituency for the purpose of the referendum. The local returning officers appoint staff, provide equipment and make all necessary arrangements for conducting the poll in each constituency. They report the result of the poll to the referendum

returning officer who ascertains and declares the result and then publishes the overall result.

If, at the end of seven days after publication of the result, no petition questioning the result has been received by the High Court, the referendum returning officer sends a certificate of the result to the Taoiseach and the President. If the Bill has been approved by the people, the President then signs it and the Constitution is amended accordingly.

(i) Who can vote:

Every citizen of Ireland who is at least 18 years of age on polling day and whose name is entered in the register of electors for a constituency is entitled to vote at a referendum in that constituency. The register of electors is prepared each year by city and county councils.

(ii) The poll:

Polling day is appointed by order of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and this order also fixes the period for voting. At least twelve hours within the period between 7.00 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. must be allowed for voting. The poll on islands is now taken on the same day as the rest of Ireland. Previously, island voting could take place on any one of the five days before the appointed polling day. Section 200 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022 amended the Electoral Act 1992 and provided that same day voting now applies. Section 200 (b) of the Act provides for the shortening of the polling period on an island if advised by the island's Returning Officer.

Postal voting is available to the Garda Síochána (police force), Defence Forces and to civil servants (and their spouses/civil partners) attached to Irish missions abroad, as well as to electors living at home who are unable to vote at a polling station due to a illness or disability. Postal voting is also available to electors whose occupations are likely to prevent them from voting at their local polling station (including full-time students registered at home who are living elsewhere while attending an educational institution in the State) and electors unable to vote at their

polling station due to circumstances of their detention in prison pursuant to an order of the court.

Special voting is available to electors living in hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities or similar institutions who are unable to vote at a polling station due to an illness or disability. The ballot paper is brought to them in the institution and they vote in the presence of a special presiding officer accompanied by a Garda.

Electors vote at the same polling stations as for a Dáil election and each elector is sent a polling information card by post, informing him or her of his or her number on the register of electors, the date of the poll and the place where he or she is entitled to vote. The polling information card may also contain a statement prescribed by the Oireachtas explaining the subject matter of the referendum. This explanatory statement is also displayed at each polling station. Polling stations are usually located in schools and other public buildings. The local returning officer appoints a presiding officer to preside at each polling station and a poll clerk to assist him or her.

(iii) Voting system:

Voting is by secret ballot. The form of ballot paper is prescribed by law and contains a brief instruction on the correct manner of voting. Each ballot paper is stamped with an official mark at the time of issue to establish its authenticity and a serial number is printed in small characters on the back of each paper. If a ballot paper does not bear the official mark or if anything is marked or written on it by which the voter could be identified, it will be ruled invalid at the count and rejected.

(iv) Method of voting:

In the polling station the elector applies for a ballot paper by stating his or her name and address. The elector may be required to produce evidence of identity. Where the presiding officer is satisfied as to the elector's identity, he or she stamps a ballot paper with the official mark and hands the ballot paper to the elector. A mark is placed opposite the

name of the elector on the register to show that he or she has received a ballot paper. The elector receives a ballot paper showing the title of the Bill proposing to amend the Constitution and asking whether or not he or she approves of the proposal. The elector marks an "X" opposite either the "Yes" or "No" box on the ballot paper. The elector marks the ballot paper in secret in a voting compartment, folds the paper to conceal how the paper has been marked and places it in the ballot box. The presiding officer may order the arrest of any person suspected of committing electoral offences. Personation agents appointed by members of the Oireachtas (Parliament) and by bodies approved by the Referendum Commission (see below) attend at polling stations to assist in the prevention of electoral offences. Persons with a physical or sight disability who cannot vote without help may be assisted by the presiding officer or by a companion. Persons with reading or writing difficulties may be assisted by the presiding officer. Persons with a visual impairment may also use a Ballot Paper Template to cast their vote independently.

(v) The Count:

On the day following the poll the local returning officer opens the ballot boxes at a central counting place in each constituency, counts the votes for and against the proposal and reports the result to the referendum returning officer.

5. Referendum Commission

The Referendum Act 1998 (as amended by the Referendum Act 2001) provided for the establishment of an independent statutory Referendum Commission whose principal functions were to explain the subject matter of the referendum proposals, to promote public awareness of the referendum and to encourage the electorate to vote at the poll.

The Commission was comprised of a Chairperson, nominated by the Chief Justice, who was a former judge of the Supreme Court or High Court or a judge of the High Court; the Comptroller and Auditor General; the Ombudsman**;** the Clerk of the Dáil and the Clerk of the Seanad.

The Referendum Act 1998 provided that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage could establish a Referendum Commission upon the initiation of a Constitutional Amendment Bill. In practice a commission was appointed for each of the referendums held between 1998 and 2019.

Date Established	Subject	Date Referendum Held	Cost of Commission
2 March 1998	Amsterdam Treaty	22 May 1998	€2.8m
22 April 1998	British-Irish Agreement		€2.7m
4 May 1999	Local government recognition	11 June 1999	€0.8m
17 April 2001	Death penalty	7 June 2001	€1.1m
	International Criminal Court		€1.1m
	Treaty of Nice		€1.6m
8 February 2002	Human Life in Pregnancy	6 March 2002	€2.6m
9 July 2002	Treaty of Nice	19 October 2002	€4.1m
22 April 2004	Citizenship	11 June 2004	€3.1m
6 March 2008	Lisbon Treaty	12 June 2008	€5.0m
7 July 2009	Treaty of Lisbon	2 October 2009	€4.1m
5 September 2011	Judges' Remuneration	27 October 2011	€0.651m
13 September 2011	Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries		€0.659m
30 March 2012	Referendum on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union in the Economic and Monetary Union (2012)	31 May 2012	€2.1m
19 September 2012	Children	10 November 2012	€1.7m

Date Established	Subject	Date Referendum Held	Cost of Commission
6 June 2013 10 July 2013	Abolition of Seanad Éireann Court of Appeal	October 2013	€2.4m
27 January 2015	Marriage Equality Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President	22 May 2015	€2.2m
9 March 2018	Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018	25 May 2018	€2.6m
18 July 2018	Thirty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018	26 October 2018	€2.1m
26 February 2019	Thirty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Dissolution of Marriage) Bill 2016	24 May 2019	€2.3m

6. **An Coimisiún Toghcháin (Electoral Commission)**

An Coimisiún Toghcháin is Ireland's independent electoral commission. It was established on 9 February 2023. An Coimisiún Toghcháin has taken over the referendum role from the previous Referendum Commissions and is responsible for explaining each referendum proposal in an independent and impartial way.

The law provides for An Coimisiún Toghcháin to prepare, publish and distribute information on the subject matter of a referendum to the electorate. It does this by preparing a statement or statements on the main issues. It may include any other information which it considers appropriate. It does not advocate or promote a particular result at a referendum.

It also has a role in promoting public awareness of a referendum and encouraging people to vote in it.

An Coimisiún is made up of seven members. A chairperson is nominated by the Chief Justice. Four ordinary members are appointed by open competition by the Public Appointments Service. There are also two ex-officio members: the Ombudsman and the Clerk of the Dáil.

7. **Referendum Law**

The law relating to the referendum is contained in Articles 27, 46 and 47 of the Constitution of Ireland; the Electoral Act 1992; the Referendum Act 1994; the Electoral (Amendment) Act 1996; the Electoral Act 1997; the Referendum Act 2001; the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001; the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2004, the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2006; the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 2011; the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013; and the Electoral Reform Act 2022.

Referendum Results

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8. **Plebiscite on the Draft Constitution (1937)**

A plebiscite on the draft Constitution was held on 1 July 1937. A general election of members to Dáil Éireann took place on the same day. The total number of votes given at the plebiscite approving of the draft Constitution was 685,105 and the total number of votes not approving was 526,945. As the majority of the votes cast at the plebiscite signified approval, the draft Constitution was deemed to have been approved by the people and came into operation on 1 January 1938. The following table contains details of the voting at the plebiscite in each constituency:

Plebiscite on the Draft Constitution 1937

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
***Borough Constituencies**						
Cork	53,019	38,850	73.3	20,765	15,392	2,693
Dublin North-East	50,323	36,579	72.7	18,651	16,496	1,432
Dublin North-West	69,174	47,638	68.9	26,095	19,210	2,333
Dublin South	82,659	57,560	69.6	32,669	21,504	3,387
Dublin Townships	52,664	37,690	71.6	14,810	21,336	1,544
County Constituencies						
Athlone-Longford	38,295	29,849	77.9	15,648	11,367	2,834
Carlow-Kildare	48,536	36,793	75.8	18,745	14,407	3,641
Cavan	47,008	37,824	80.5	17,412	16,508	3,904
Clare	62,551	49,731	79.5	29,279	16,454	3,998
Cork North	47,822	39,372	82.3	17,458	16,350	5,564
Cork South-East	41,669	32,061	76.9	13,764	12,733	5,564
Cork West	67,017	53,866	80.4	19,741	24,668	9,457
Donegal East	48,975	36,908	75.4	18,680	13,041	5,187
Donegal West	38,532	27,639	71.7	14,160	11,086	2,393
Dublin	83,457	58,855	70.5	26,901	28,840	3,114
Galway East	49,476	34,642	70.0	21,273	10,049	3,320
Galway West	42,796	26,141	61.1	17,836	6,234	2,071
Kerry North	48,621	35,533	73.1	21,292	10,857	3,384
Kerry South	35,390	26,325	74.4	13,658	9,573	3,094
Kilkenny	40,900	33,589	82.1	16,926	13,746	2,917
Leitrim	36,368	27,551	75.8	12,583	8,429	6,539
Leix-Offaly	60,945	48,344	79.3	25,654	17,717	4,973
Limerick	81,397	66,078	81.2	35,187	21,954	8,937
Louth	38,570	30,311	78.6	16,326	11,688	2,297
Mayo North	38,170	25,934	67.9	15,900	8,247	1,787
Mayo South	59,999	42,205	70.3	22,225	15,734	4,246
Meath-Westmeath	61,654	49,094	79.6	27,586	18,704	2,804
Monaghan	36,469	31,511	86.4	16,189	12,107	3,215
Roscommon	42,103	32,170	76.4	15,481	12,910	3,779
Sligo	36,516	28,475	78.0	10,780	11,916	5,779
Tipperary	82,727	67,656	81.8	34,776	28,041	4,839
Waterford	51,596	41,192	79.8	22,118	16,578	2,496
Wexford	61,486	48,366	78.7	23,129	20,391	4,846
Wicklow	38,171	29,875	78.3	11,408	12,678	5,789
TOTAL	**1,775,055**	**1,346,207**	**75.8**	**685,105**	**526,945**	**134,157**

*The classification of constituencies into borough (or city) constituencies and county (mainly rural) constituencies terminated in 1969.

9. **Referendum on the voting system (1959)**
Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1958[1]

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 17 June 1959, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. A presidential election took place on the same day.

The following summary of the principal proposals in the **Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1958** was circulated for the information of voters:

> "At present, members of Dáil Éireann are elected on a system of proportional representation for constituencies returning at least three members, each voter having a single transferable vote.
>
> It is proposed in the Bill to abolish the system of proportional representation and to adopt, instead, a system of single-member constituencies, each voter having a single non-transferable vote. It is also proposed in the Bill to set up a Commission for the determination and revision of the constituencies, instead of having this done by the Oireachtas, as at present."

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1959).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal contained in the Bill was 453,322 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 486,989. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

[1] As a transitional measure after the Constitution came into force, for the first three years after the election of the first President of Ireland, a Constitutional amendment Bill could be passed by the Oireachtas as an ordinary Act. The first two amendments to the Constitution were adopted this way.

Referendum on Third Amendment of Constitution Bill 1958

(The voting system)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Borough Constituencies						
Cork	62,647	35,478	56.6	15,025	19,523	930
Dublin North (East)	62,241	34,556	55.5	13,091	20,738	727
Dublin North (Central)	24,940	13,087	52.5	4,862	7,737	488
Dublin North (West)	31,441	17,016	54.1	6,116	10,401	499
Dublin South (East)	35,845	20,814	58.2	7,245	13,109	460
Dublin South (Central)	50,045	24,331	48.6	9,403	14,068	860
Dublin South (West)	61,631	32,419	52.6	12,271	19,327	821
County Constituencies						
Carlow-Kilkenny	56,117	35,054	62.3	16,470	16,658	1,926
Cavan	36,762	24,885	67.7	11,975	11,677	1,233
Clare	47,227	29,771	63.0	16,390	12,295	1,086
Cork North	33,805	23,865	70.6	10,898	11,986	981
Cork South	35,238	22,988	65.2	9,898	11,945	1,145
Cork East	35,193	21,733	61.8	10,510	10,425	798
Cork West	32,290	21,355	66.1	8,677	11,573	1,105
East Donegal	40,863	22,783	55.8	13,919	8,026	838
West Donegal	30,850	15,486	50.2	8,682	6,207	597
Dublin	74,084	37,706	50.9	15,666	20,852	1,188
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	61,716	32,681	53.2	11,859	20,043	779
North Galway	28,588	14,719	51.5	8,150	5,939	630
South Galway	28,318	17,794	62.8	10,198	6,839	757
West Galway	29,882	14,876	49.8	8,840	5,493	543
North Kerry	43,718	22,030	50.4	10,910	10,016	1,104
South Kerry	30,631	13,234	43.2	6,330	6,213	691
Kildare	36,552	22,545	61.7	9,488	12,186	871
Laoghis-Offaly	56,583	34,495	61.0	17,155	15,851	1,489
East Limerick	45,980	29,183	64.0	14,328	13,596	1,259
West Limerick	31,999	22,116	69.2	11,499	9,442	1,175
Longford-Westmeath	49,243	34,305	69.7	15,205	17,796	1,304
Louth	40,209	25,047	62.3	11,801	12,429	817
North Mayo	32,358	16,177	50.0	8,541	6,710	926
South Mayo	46,460	23,857	51.3	11,646	11,164	1,047
Meath	37,686	23,952	63.3	11,912	11,163	877
Monaghan	29,370	18,837	64.1	9,498	8,205	1,134
Roscommon	38,658	23,061	59.7	10,322	11,800	939
Sligo-Leitrim	57,271	31,271	54.6	14,112	15,224	1,935
North Tipperary	32,467	20,663	63.6	9,766	9,633	1,264
South Tipperary	41,196	29,044	70.5	13,562	14,406	1,076
Waterford	42,777	25,739	60.2	13,289	11,482	968
Wexford	50,150	31,423	62.7	14,852	15,233	1,338
Wicklow	35,419	19,155	54.1	8,961	9,579	615
TOTAL	**1,678,450**	**979,531**	**58.4**	**453,322**	**486,989**	**39,220**

10. **Referendum on the formation of Dáil constituencies (1968)**

Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1968

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 16 October 1968, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on the voting system took place on the same day. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

"WHITE BALLOT PAPER

> **THE THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1968,** proposes that in forming Dáil constituencies, the population per deputy in any case may not be greater or less than the national average by more than one-sixth and that regard must be had to the extent and accessibility of constituencies, the need for having convenient areas of representation and the desirability of avoiding the over-lapping of county boundaries."

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1968).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 424,185 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 656,803. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1968

(Formation of Dáil constituencies)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Borough Constituencies						
Cork	59,607	39,485	66.2	14,954	23,229	1,302
Dublin North-Central	37,771	21,859	57.9	5,804	15,353	702
Dublin North-East	80,453	52,987	65.9	15,888	36,150	949
Dublin North-West	41,984	25,619	61.0	7,429	17,656	534
Dublin South-Central	52,371	30,162	57.6	8,407	20,696	1,059
Dublin South-East	41,190	26,307	63.9	7,557	18,240	510
Dublin South-West	57,590	34,324	59.6	9,726	23,633	965
County Constituencies						
Carlow-Kilkenny	58,039	41,457	71.4	15,552	23,397	2,508
Cavan	33,996	24,066	70.8	9,706	13,225	1,135
Clare	48,008	30,081	62.7	14,323	13,996	1,762
Mid-Cork	51,423	37,145	72.2	14,446	21,326	1,373
North-East Cork	59,515	42,172	70.9	16,789	23,649	1,734
South-West Cork	34,625	24,204	69.9	8,823	14,121	1,260
North-East Donegal	34,698	23,121	66.6	11,440	10,658	1,023
South-West Donegal	35,596	22,145	62.2	10,744	10,340	1,061
Dublin	77,837	49,341	63.4	15,755	32,073	1,513
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	62,723	39,765	63.4	11,677	27,349	739
East Galway	53,105	33,231	62.6	14,716	16,643	1,872
West Galway	33,722	17,772	52.7	8,652	8,477	643
North Kerry	34,785	22,292	64.1	9,264	11,880	1,148
South Kerry	35,323	23,361	66.1	10,706	11,535	1,120
Kildare	46,099	30,878	66.9	11,607	17,906	1,365
Laoghis-Offaly	55,879	37,420	66.9	14,163	21,345	1,912
East Limerick	46,883	31,509	67.2	11,245	18,701	1,563
West Limerick	33,546	24,280	72.4	11,253	11,905	1,122
Longford-Westmeath	43,795	29,673	67.8	10,714	17,309	1,650
Louth	37,781	25,311	66.9	9,738	14,495	1,078
North Mayo	30,802	16,567	53.8	7,220	8,497	850
South Mayo	41,324	25,696	62.2	10,604	13,963	1,129
Meath	36,192	24,790	68.5	9,499	14,037	1,254
Monaghan	32,580	22,741	69.8	8,744	12,862	1,135
Roscommon	42,971	29,741	69.2	11,637	16,243	1,861
Sligo-Leitrim	42,362	27,873	65.8	11,101	15,000	1,772
North Tipperary	34,076	24,177	70.9	9,606	13,179	1,392
South Tipperary	46,045	34,090	74.0	14,803	17,534	1,753
Waterford	37,519	26,168	69.7	10,360	14,551	1,257
Wexford	48,050	33,443	69.6	11,433	20,542	1,468
Wicklow	37,124	24,224	65.3	8,100	15,108	1,016
TOTAL	**1,717,389**	**1,129,477**	**65.8**	**424,185**	**656,803**	**48,489**

11. **Referendum on the voting system (1968)**

Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1968

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 16 October 1968, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on the formation of Dáil constituencies took place on the same day. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

"GREEN BALLOT PAPER

> **THE FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1968**, proposes - (1) To substitute for the present system of voting at Dáil elections the "straight vote" system in single-member constituencies; (2) To establish a Commission to determine constituencies, subject to the right of the Dáil to amend the constituencies as so determined; and (3) To provide that whenever the Dáil is dissolved the outgoing Ceann Comhairle may be returned, without a contest, as a second deputy for a constituency chosen by him which consists of, or includes a part of, the constituency he represented before the dissolution."

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1968).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 423,496 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 657,898. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1968

(The voting system)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Borough Constituencies						
Cork	59,607	39,503	66.3	14,784	23,448	1,271
Dublin North-Central	37,771	21,859	57.9	5,877	15,187	795
Dublin North-East	80,453	53,020	65.9	16,147	36,010	863
Dublin North-West	41,984	25,638	61.1	7,467	17,633	538
Dublin South-Central	52,371	30,175	57.6	8,449	20,790	936
Dublin South-East	41,190	26,316	63.9	7,726	18,044	546
Dublin South-West	57,590	34,338	59.6	9,667	23,780	891
Counties						
Carlow-Kilkenny	58,039	41,453	71.4	15,253	23,174	3,026
Cavan	33,996	24,050	70.7	9,710	13,318	1,022
Clare	48,008	30,071	62.6	14,193	14,131	1,747
Mid-Cork	51,423	37,152	72.2	14,337	21,440	1,375
North-East Cork	59,515	42,189	70.9	16,784	23,659	1,746
South-West Cork	34,625	24,196	69.9	8,691	14,281	1,224
North-East Donegal	34,698	23,127	66.7	11,414	10,701	1,012
South-West Donegal	35,596	22,157	62.2	10,692	10,397	1,068
Dublin	77,837	49,260	63.3	15,820	31,999	1,441
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	62,723	39,772	63.4	11,875	27,135	762
East Galway	53,105	33,230	62.6	14,713	16,708	1,809
West Galway	33,722	17,764	52.7	8,606	8,574	584
North Kerry	34,785	22,300	64.1	9,246	11,887	1,167
South Kerry	35,323	23,360	66.1	10,698	11,605	1,057
Kildare	46,099	30,879	66.9	11,560	17,883	1,436
Laoghis-Offaly	55,879	37,417	66.9	14,128	21,433	1,856
East Limerick	46,883	31,538	67.3	11,190	18,793	1,555
West Limerick	33,546	24,289	72.4	11,272	11,908	1,109
Longford-Westmeath	43,795	29,674	67.8	10,674	17,414	1,586
Louth	37,781	25,315	66.9	9,785	14,453	1,077
North Mayo	30,802	16,570	53.8	7,167	8,556	847
South Mayo	41,324	25,695	62.2	10,513	14,025	1,157
Meath	36,192	24,790	68.5	9,500	14,084	1,206
Monaghan	32,580	22,737	69.8	8,645	12,925	1,167
Roscommon	42,971	29,742	69.2	11,635	16,299	1,808
Sligo-Leitrim	42,362	27,887	65.8	11,034	15,097	1,756
North Tipperary	34,076	24,195	71.0	9,600	13,217	1,378
South Tipperary	46,045	34,089	74.0	14,749	17,712	1,628
Waterford	37,519	26,180	69.8	10,353	14,555	1,272
Wexford	48,050	33,452	69.6	11,411	20,588	1,453
Wicklow	37,124	24,227	65.3	8,131	15,055	1,041
TOTAL	**1,717,389**	**1,129,606**	**65.8**	**423,496**	**657,898**	**48,212**

12. **Referendum on accession to the European Communities (1972)**

Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1971

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 10 May 1972 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> **"THE THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1971,** proposes to add the subsection here following to Article 29.4 of the Constitution.
>
> 3° The State may become a member of the European Coal and Steel Community (established by Treaty signed at Paris on the 18th day of April, 1951), the European Economic Community (established by Treaty signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957) and the European Atomic Energy Community (established by Treaty signed at Rome on 25th day of March, 1957). No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State necessitated by the obligations of membership of the Communities or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the Communities, or institutions thereof, from having the force of law in the State.
>
> The purpose of the proposal is to allow the State to become a member of the Communities commonly known as European Communities."

(This statement was prescribed by the Electoral (Amendment) Act 1972).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,041,890 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 211,891. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 8 June 1972 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1971

(Accession to the European Communities)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	59,415	44,298	74.6	36,588	7,278	432
Cavan	37,299	27,724	74.3	24,266	3,178	280
Clare	39,413	26,572	67.4	22,833	3,510	229
Clare-South Galway	34,820	25,096	72.1	22,027	2,855	214
Cork City (North-West)	36,115	25,320	70.1	21,208	3,955	157
Cork City (South-East)	36,476	27,519	75.4	22,887	4,492	140
Mid-Cork	49,402	38,201	77.3	31,962	6,050	189
North-East Cork	50,016	38,318	76.6	32,439	5,544	335
South-West Cork	38,285	28,452	74.3	24,553	3,680	219
North-East Donegal	37,924	24,881	65.6	22,554	2,030	297
Donegal-Leitrim	38,540	26,123	67.8	22,005	3,908	210
North County Dublin	58,761	40,381	68.7	32,004	8,125	252
South County Dublin	45,289	32,943	72.7	26,838	5,901	204
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	56,151	40,779	72.6	34,102	6,474	203
Dublin Central	46,775	29,311	62.7	22,289	6,750	272
Dublin North-Central	49,073	33,487	68.2	26,257	7,028	202
Dublin North-East	55,483	40,748	73.4	31,637	8,930	181
Dublin North-West	44,369	29,736	67.0	22,494	6,978	264
Dublin South-Central	50,400	34,007	67.5	25,766	7,955	286
Dublin South-East	37,840	25,730	68.0	20,859	4,692	179
Dublin South-West	41,740	27,336	65.5	19,893	7,344	99
North-East Galway	34,358	23,799	69.3	21,398	2,283	118
West Galway	35,999	22,310	62.0	17,400	4,806	104
North Kerry	37,018	24,866	67.2	18,500	6,064	302
South Kerry	36,391	24,353	66.9	19,237	4,890	226
Kildare	40,065	28,055	70.0	23,213	4,599	243
Laoighis-Offaly	56,344	41,804	74.2	35,728	5,823	253
East Limerick	47,001	34,105	72.6	25,957	7,280	868
West Limerick	35,904	26,605	74.1	22,971	3,432	202
Longford-Westmeath	47,095	33,310	70.7	28,210	4,713	387
Louth	40,278	29,084	72.2	24,623	4,187	274
East Mayo	34,810	23,304	66.9	20,691	2,422	191
West Mayo	34,106	21,690	63.6	19,157	2,332	201
Meath	39,040	28,640	73.4	23,765	4,605	270
Monaghan	36,214	26,709	73.8	23,179	3,330	200
Roscommon-Leitrim	37,682	26,654	70.7	22,964	3,375	315
Sligo-Leitrim	38,049	26,779	70.4	22,915	3,598	266
North Tipperary	34,754	26,654	76.7	22,147	4,286	221
South Tipperary	46,127	35,345	76.6	29,343	5,638	364
Waterford	39,513	29,218	73.9	24,086	4,964	168
Wexford	49,881	36,015	72.2	28,635	7,105	275
Wicklow	39,389	28,017	71.1	22,310	5,502	205
TOTAL	**1,783,604**	**1,264,278**	**70.9**	**1,041,890**	**211,891**	**10,497**

13. **Referendum on the voting age (1972)**

Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1972

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 7 December 1972, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on the recognition of specified religions took place on the same day. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

"GREEN BALLOT PAPER

> **THE FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1972**, proposes to reduce the minimum voting age at Dáil and Presidential elections and Referenda from 21 years to 18 years."

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1972).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 724,836 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 131,514. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 5 January 1973, and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1972

(The voting age)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	59,415	32,787	55.2	26,688	3,966	2,133
Cavan	37,299	20,130	54.0	16,737	1,875	1,518
Clare	39,413	18,733	47.5	15,389	2,177	1,167
Clare-South Galway	34,820	18,281	52.5	15,425	1,759	1,097
Cork City (North-West)	36,115	17,394	48.2	12,737	3,881	776
Cork City (South-East)	36,476	19,729	54.1	14,561	4,436	732
Mid-Cork	49,402	26,585	53.8	21,069	4,040	1,476
North-East Cork	50,016	27,417	54.8	21,521	4,201	1,695
South-West Cork	38,285	20,332	53.1	15,259	3,947	1,126
North-East Donegal	37,924	16,446	43.4	13,620	1,408	1,418
Donegal-Leitrim	38,540	17,800	46.2	15,092	1,538	1,170
North County Dublin	58,761	28,569	48.6	23,386	4,370	813
South County Dublin	45,289	25,296	55.9	20,239	4,461	596
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	56,151	32,379	57.7	25,656	6,032	691
Dublin Central	46,775	20,455	43.7	15,663	3,752	1,040
Dublin North-Central	49,073	24,293	49.5	18,734	4,850	709
Dublin North-East	55,483	29,357	52.9	23,801	4,835	721
Dublin North-West	44,369	20,645	46.5	16,419	3,471	755
Dublin South-Central	50,400	24,511	48.6	18,915	4,983	613
Dublin South-East	37,840	19,056	50.4	14,485	3,809	762
Dublin South-West	41,740	18,690	44.8	14,942	2,831	917
North-East Galway	34,358	16,167	47.1	13,856	1,296	1,015
West Galway	35,999	15,347	42.6	12,747	1,981	619
North Kerry	37,018	15,908	43.0	13,088	1,801	1,019
South Kerry	36,391	15,711	43.2	12,967	1,652	1,092
Kildare	40,065	20,259	50.6	16,851	2,492	916
Laoighis-Offaly	56,344	31,012	55.0	25,663	4,079	1,270
East Limerick	47,001	25,610	54.5	19,074	5,177	1,359
West Limerick	35,904	20,263	56.4	16,621	2,548	1,094
Longford-Westmeath	47,095	23,284	49.4	18,738	2,964	1,582
Louth	40,278	20,292	50.4	16,249	2,984	1,059
East Mayo	34,810	16,073	46.2	13,830	1,271	972
West Mayo	34,106	15,096	44.3	12,734	1,321	1,041
Meath	39,040	19,602	50.2	15,665	2,665	1,272
Monaghan	36,214	17,116	47.3	14,000	1,899	1,217
Roscommon-Leitrim	37,682	19,333	51.3	15,827	2,035	1,471
Sligo-Leitrim	38,049	18,569	48.8	15,068	2,129	1,372
North Tipperary	34,754	20,173	58.0	15,862	2,780	1,531
South Tipperary	46,127	27,020	58.6	21,342	3,963	1,715
Waterford	39,513	21,178	53.6	16,836	3,241	1,101
Wexford	49,881	26,071	52.3	21,121	3,408	1,542
Wicklow	39,389	20,470	52.0	16,359	3,206	905
TOTAL	**1,783,604**	**903,439**	**50.7**	**724,836**	**131,514**	**47,089**

14. **Referendum on recognition of specified religions (1972)**

Fifth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1972

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 7 December 1972, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on the voting age took place on the same day. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was incorporated into the official polling card sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 1.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 721,003 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 133,430. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 5 January 1973, and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Fifth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1972

(Recognition of specified religions)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	59,415	32,786	55.2	26,589	4,040	2,157
Cavan	37,299	20,136	54.0	16,775	1,838	1,523
Clare	39,413	18,748	47.6	15,099	2,389	1,260
Clare-South Galway	34,820	18,303	52.6	15,298	1,813	1,192
Cork City (North-West)	36,115	17,417	48.2	11,821	4,805	791
Cork City (South-East)	36,476	19,662	53.9	13,701	5,212	749
Mid-Cork	49,402	26,576	53.8	20,430	4,571	1,575
North-East Cork	50,016	27,406	54.8	20,986	4,640	1,780
South-West Cork	38,285	20,327	53.1	14,620	4,545	1,162
North-East Donegal	37,924	16,441	43.4	13,260	1,736	1,445
Donegal-Leitrim	38,540	17,811	46.2	14,705	1,937	1,169
North County Dublin	58,761	28,577	48.6	23,804	3,897	876
South County Dublin	45,289	25,157	55.5	20,966	3,572	619
Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown	56,151	32,393	57.7	27,136	4,443	814
Dublin Central	46,775	20,442	43.7	15,718	3,648	1,076
Dublin North-Central	49,073	24,245	49.4	18,933	4,505	807
Dublin North-East	55,483	29,334	52.9	24,128	4,450	756
Dublin North-West	44,369	20,667	46.6	16,386	3,488	793
Dublin South-Central	50,400	24,537	48.7	19,582	4,134	821
Dublin South-East	37,840	19,204	50.8	15,267	3,138	799
Dublin South-West	41,740	18,768	45.0	14,956	2,901	911
North-East Galway	34,358	16,172	47.1	13,721	1,385	1,066
West Galway	35,999	15,368	42.7	12,903	1,813	652
North Kerry	37,018	15,908	43.0	12,886	1,946	1,076
South Kerry	36,391	15,719	43.2	12,642	1,940	1,137
Kildare	40,065	20,267	50.6	16,942	2,369	956
Laoighis-Offaly	56,344	31,025	55.1	25,171	4,452	1,402
East Limerick	47,001	25,630	54.5	18,109	6,133	1,388
West Limerick	35,904	20,275	56.5	16,327	2,772	1,176
Longford-Westmeath	47,095	23,287	49.4	18,592	3,141	1,554
Louth	40,278	20,306	50.4	16,449	2,811	1,046
East Mayo	34,810	16,075	46.2	13,729	1,376	970
West Mayo	34,106	15,106	44.3	12,593	1,419	1,094
Meath	39,040	19,599	50.2	15,689	2,577	1,333
Monaghan	36,214	17,116	47.3	13,987	1,901	1,228
Roscommon-Leitrim	37,682	19,334	51.3	15,421	2,416	1,497
Sligo-Leitrim	38,049	18,586	48.8	14,578	2,496	1,512
North Tipperary	34,754	20,173	58.0	15,578	3,014	1,581
South Tipperary	46,127	27,041	58.6	20,801	4,353	1,887
Waterford	39,513	21,178	53.6	17,174	2,902	1,102
Wexford	49,881	26,082	52.3	21,032	3,544	1,506
Wicklow	39,389	20,475	52.0	16,519	2,968	988
TOTAL	**1,783,604**	**903,659**	**50.7**	**721,003**	**133,430**	**49,326**

15. **Referendum on Adoption (1979)**

Sixth Amendment of the Constitution (Adoption) Bill, 1978

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 5 July 1979 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on university representation in the Seanad took place on the same day. The following statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum was prescribed in the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1979:

"WHITE BALLOT PAPER

THE SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (ADOPTION) BILL, 1978, proposes that an adoption which is in accordance with laws enacted by the Oireachtas shall not be invalid solely by reason of the fact that the relevant order or authorisation was not made or given by a judge or court but by a person or body designated for the purpose by those laws. The Bill relates to past as well as future adoptions. Its object is to ensure that adoption orders made by an Bord Uchtála (the Adoption Board) will not be in danger of being declared to be invalid because they were not made by a court."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 601,694 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 6,265. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 3 August 1979 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each county and county borough (deemed under section 2 of the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1979 to be constituencies for the purpose of the poll):

Referendum on Sixth Amendment of the Constitution (Adoption) Bill 1978

(Adoption)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
County Boroughs						
Cork	84,908	30,212	35.6	29,435	221	556
Dublin	361,067	82,987	23.0	80,492	928	1,567
Limerick	37,938	15,532	40.9	15,116	110	306
Waterford	20,238	6,858	33.9	6,606	49	203
Counties						
Carlow	24,967	8,949	35.8	8,544	81	324
Cavan	38,362	10,372	27.0	9,893	116	363
Clare	57,689	15,151	26.3	14,527	175	449
Cork	166,470	55,415	33.3	53,485	487	1,443
Donegal	80,232	18,450	23.0	17,756	261	433
Dublin	254,107	66,663	26.2	65,285	601	777
Galway	112,351	28,732	25.6	27,709	272	751
Kerry	83,780	22,676	27.1	21,833	205	638
Kildare	59,355	15,021	25.3	14,531	179	311
Kilkenny	44,688	12,998	29.1	12,362	151	485
Laoghis	31,743	10,963	34.5	10,520	85	358
Leitrim	20,657	4,741	22.9	4,466	69	206
Limerick	63,716	20,904	32.8	20,080	197	627
Longford	20,703	5,706	27.6	5,377	92	237
Louth	54,893	18,844	34.3	18,240	187	417
Mayo	81,912	18,285	22.3	17,518	189	578
Meath	57,530	15,549	27.1	14,955	167	427
Monaghan	34,093	9,128	26.8	8,753	106	269
Offaly	36,463	12,001	32.9	11,568	103	330
Roscommon	37,052	10,229	27.6	9,749	107	373
Sligo	37,123	10,058	27.1	9,565	137	356
Tipperary (NR)	38,550	15,250	39.6	14,583	135	532
Tipperary (SR)	49,280	17,697	35.9	16,942	193	562
Waterford	35,284	11,779	33.4	11,321	109	349
Westmeath	38,406	10,079	26.2	9,633	148	298
Wexford	62,531	25,284	40.4	24,392	278	614
Wicklow	53,378	16,963	31.8	16,458	127	378
TOTAL	**2,179,466**	**623,476**	**28.6**	**601,694**	**6,265**	**15,517**

16. **Referendum on University Representation in Seanad (1979)**

Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Election of Members of Seanad Éireann by Institutions of Higher Education) Bill, 1979

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 5 July 1979 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. A referendum on adoption took place on the same day. The following statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum was prescribed in the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1979:

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THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF SEANAD ÉIREANN BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) BILL, 1979, proposes the election by universities and other institutions of higher education specified by law of such number of members of Seanad Éireann, not exceeding 6, as may be specified by law. Those so elected would be in substitution for an equal number of the members elected at present (3 each) by the National University of Ireland and the University of Dublin. The Bill also proposes that nothing in Article 18 of the Constitution shall prohibit the dissolution by law of those Universities."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 552,600 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 45,484. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 3 August 1979 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each county and county borough (deemed under section 2 of the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1979 to be constituencies for the purpose of the poll):

Referendum on Seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Election of Members of Seanad Éireann by Institutions of Higher Education) Bill 1979

(University representation in Seanad)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
County Boroughs						
Cork	84,908	30,157	35.5	27,441	1,803	913
Dublin	361,067	82,817	22.9	70,791	9,047	2,979
Limerick	37,938	15,509	40.9	13,994	924	591
Waterford	20,238	6,860	33.9	6,096	448	316
Counties						
Carlow	24,967	8,939	35.8	7,889	624	426
Cavan	38,362	10,366	27.0	9,245	673	448
Clare	57,689	15,148	26.3	13,793	775	580
Cork	166,470	55,271	33.2	49,900	3,061	2,310
Donegal	80,232	18,425	23.0	16,524	1,237	664
Dublin	254,107	66,557	26.2	56,611	8,125	1,821
Galway	112,351	28,718	25.6	25,976	1,666	1,076
Kerry	83,780	22,653	27.0	20,508	1,133	1,012
Kildare	59,355	14,994	25.3	13,335	1,167	492
Kilkenny	44,688	12,982	29.1	11,569	799	614
Laoghis	31,743	10,958	34.5	9,773	656	529
Leitrim	20,657	4,738	22.9	4,198	286	254
Limerick	63,716	20,900	32.8	19,017	973	910
Longford	20,703	5,701	27.5	5,080	331	290
Louth	54,893	18,787	34.2	16,705	1,376	706
Mayo	81,912	18,273	22.3	16,899	616	758
Meath	57,530	15,497	26.9	13,758	1,074	665
Monaghan	34,093	9,134	26.8	8,183	557	394
Offaly	36,463	11,992	32.9	10,786	697	527
Roscommon	37,052	10,231	27.6	9,276	493	462
Sligo	37,123	10,047	27.1	8,984	612	451
Tipperary (NR)	38,550	15,238	39.5	13,711	793	734
Tipperary (SR)	49,280	17,676	35.9	15,846	1,016	814
Waterford	35,284	11,761	33.3	10,441	771	549
Westmeath	38,406	10,087	26.3	8,924	750	413
Wexford	62,531	25,282	40.4	22,574	1,521	1,187
Wicklow	53,378	16,948	31.8	14,773	1,498	677
TOTAL	**2,179,466**	**622,646**	**28.6**	**552,600**	**45,484**	**24,562**

17. **Referendum on the right to life of the unborn (1983)**

Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1982

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 7 September 1983 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> **"THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1982**, proposes to add the subsection here following to Article 40.3 of the Constitution.
>
> 3° The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."

(The statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1983).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 841,233 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 416,136. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 7 October 1983 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1982

(The right to life of the unborn)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	75,490	39,234	52.0	26,751	12,134	349
Cavan-Monaghan	74,237	41,039	55.3	33,165	7,556	318
Clare	61,747	30,202	48.9	22,136	7,838	228
Cork East	54,309	31,011	57.1	22,131	8,657	223
Cork North-Central	63,272	30,972	48.9	19,877	10,862	233
Cork North-West	40,873	25,457	62.3	20,554	4,694	209
Cork South-Central	69,102	38,474	55.7	21,342	16,909	223
Cork South-West	41,614	24,128	58.0	18,446	5,510	172
Donegal North-East	42,203	22,398	53.1	18,475	3,807	116
Donegal South-West	45,823	21,641	47.2	17,693	3,838	110
Dublin Central	70,403	34,891	49.6	21,508	13,174	209
Dublin North	41,713	22,203	53.2	11,898	10,228	77
Dublin North-Central	55,426	33,663	60.7	19,203	14,301	159
Dublin North-East	46,686	27,348	58.6	13,393	13,831	124
Dublin North-West	51,277	25,594	50.0	13,354	12,105	135
Dublin South	72,964	45,398	62.2	20,517	24,659	222
Dublin South-Central	73,510	37,456	51.0	21,016	16,170	270
Dublin South-East	64,222	34,285	53.4	16,814	17,292	179
Dublin South-West	58,429	32,315	55.3	15,794	16,294	227
Dublin West	72,040	37,676	52.3	20,510	16,960	206
Dun Laoghaire	73,030	42,777	58.6	17,876	24,651	250
Galway East	43,043	21,525	50.0	17,166	4,219	140
Galway West	78,497	32,203	41.0	20,624	11,353	226
Kerry North	43,752	23,622	54.0	18,027	5,383	212
Kerry South	41,929	22,748	54.3	18,458	4,112	178
Kildare	69,559	33,658	48.4	19,856	13,551	251
Laoighis-Offaly	73,073	40,214	55.0	31,017	8,859	338
Limerick East	65,823	36,686	55.7	24,963	11,520	203
Limerick West	42,822	23,255	54.3	18,296	4,768	191
Longford-Westmeath	59,062	31,338	53.1	23,665	7,363	310
Louth	59,415	32,696	55.0	22,828	9,647	221
Mayo East	41,861	21,952	52.4	18,261	3,534	157
Mayo West	41,445	19,870	47.9	16,040	3,705	125
Meath	69,136	37,437	54.2	27,117	10,054	266
Roscommon	41,302	22,535	54.6	18,738	3,626	171
Sligo-Leitrim	59,682	32,536	54.5	24,891	7,379	266
Tipperary North	41,069	24,028	58.5	18,911	4,905	212
Tipperary South	54,267	29,178	53.8	22,041	6,907	230
Waterford	57,531	30,631	53.2	20,917	9,481	233
Wexford	67,557	39,864	59.0	28,843	10,752	269
Wicklow	59,456	31,856	53.6	18,121	13,548	187
TOTAL	**2,358,651**	**1,265,994**	**53.7**	**841,233**	**416,136**	**8,625**

18. **Referendum on extension of voting rights at Dáil elections (1984)**

Ninth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1984

Polling at the referendum, which was held in conjunction with the European Parliament elections and a Dáil bye-election, took place on Thursday, 14 June 1984 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> "**THE NINTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1984,** proposes to extend the right conferred on citizens to vote at elections for members of Dáil Éireann to such other persons in the State who have reached the age of 18 years as may be specified by legislation enacted by the Oireachtas."

(The statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1984).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 828,483 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 270,250. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 2 August 1984 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each county and county borough (deemed under section 2 of the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1984 to be constituencies for the purpose of the poll):

Referendum on Ninth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1984

(Extension of voting right at Dáil elections)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
County Boroughs						
Cork	90,442	35,648	39.4	26,325	8,269	1,054
Dublin	379,501	151,083	39.8	107,191	40,347	3,545
Limerick	39,034	16,521	42.3	12,258	3,723	540
Waterford	24,988	10,727	42.9	7,678	2,738	311
Counties						
Carlow	27,838	12,720	45.7	9,272	3,077	371
Cavan	39,012	21,392	54.8	15,228	5,114	1,050
Clare	62,782	32,459	51.7	25,119	6,082	1,258
Cork	182,816	103,317	56.5	76,884	22,431	4,002
Donegal	89,072	48,992	55.0	31,950	13,991	3,051
Dublin	319,818	134,976	42.2	99,771	32,710	2,495
Galway	124,762	49,289	39.5	37,422	10,092	1,775
Kerry	86,653	41,771	48.2	29,625	10,189	1,957
Kildare	71,584	29,680	41.5	22,491	6,510	679
Kilkenny	48,538	23,034	47.5	17,384	4,833	817
Laoghis	34,472	21,735	63.1	15,774	5,206	755
Leitrim	20,887	14,287	68.4	9,721	3,745	821
Limerick	70,625	36,612	51.8	27,825	7,259	1,528
Longford	21,704	10,855	50.0	7,965	2,320	570
Louth	60,448	27,431	45.4	18,128	8,288	1,015
Mayo	83,217	42,567	51.1	31,966	8,945	1,656
Meath	66,974	33,718	50.3	24,529	7,932	1,257
Monaghan	35,885	19,463	54.2	12,875	5,367	1,221
Offaly	39,615	26,590	67.1	18,987	6,452	1,151
Roscommon	38,741	20,683	53.4	15,638	4,259	786
Sligo	38,822	23,118	59.5	17,045	5,154	919
Tipperary (NR)	41,103	22,810	55.5	16,629	5,258	923
Tipperary (SR)	52,631	29,127	55.3	22,047	5,875	1,205
Waterford	35,064	16,971	48.4	12,507	3,760	704
Westmeath	42,255	19,823	46.9	14,669	4,433	721
Wexford	68,455	35,126	51.3	23,948	9,778	1,400
Wicklow	61,519	26,370	42.8	19,632	6,113	625
TOTAL	**2,399,257**	**1,138,895**	**47.5**	**828,483**	**270,250**	**40,162**

19. **Referendum on dissolution of marriage (1986)**

Tenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1986

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 26 June 1986 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows on the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> "**THE TENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1986,** proposes to delete subsection 2° of Article 41.3 of the Constitution, which states that no law shall be enacted providing for the grant of a dissolution of marriage, and to substitute the subsection here following:
>
> 2° Where, and only where, such court established under this Constitution as may be prescribed by law is satisfied that:-
>
> (i) a marriage has failed,
>
> (ii) the failure has continued for a period of, or periods amounting to, at least five years,
>
> (iii) there is no reasonable possibility of reconciliation between the parties to the marriage, and
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> (iv) any other condition prescribed by law has been compiled with,
>
> the court may in accordance with law grant a dissolution of the marriage provided that the court is satisfied that adequate and proper provision having regard to the circumstances will be made for any dependent spouse and for any child of or any child who is dependent on either spouse."

(The statement was prescribed by the Electoral (Amendment) Act 1986).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 538,279 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 935,843. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Tenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1986

(Dissolution of marriage)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	78,273	48,218	61.6	15,211	32,540	467
Cavan-Monaghan	75,717	43,517	57.5	11,882	31,365	270
Clare	64,022	37,257	58.2	11,707	25,356	194
Cork East	55,522	36,821	66.3	10,794	25,856	171
Cork North-Central	63,345	37,816	59.7	11,494	26,166	156
Cork North-West	41,319	27,969	67.7	5,829	21,959	181
Cork South-Central	74,920	48,844	65.2	18,294	30,388	162
Cork South-West	42,171	26,304	62.4	7,045	19,135	124
Donegal North-East	44,795	24,175	54.0	6,395	17,642	138
Donegal South-West	45,817	24,008	52.4	7,225	16,711	72
Dublin Central	69,375	38,799	55.9	15,098	23,482	219
Dublin North	46,393	29,282	63.1	14,781	14,420	81
Dublin North-Central	56,942	38,455	67.5	16,851	21,470	134
Dublin North-East	50,515	33,759	66.8	17,173	16,469	117
Dublin North-West	51,989	31,309	60.2	14,849	16,344	116
Dublin South	77,144	51,187	66.4	27,768	23,248	171
Dublin South-Central	69,864	40,558	58.1	18,314	21,945	299
Dublin South-East	67,739	35,757	52.8	19,107	16,464	186
Dublin South-West	67,908	41,087	60.5	21,915	19,018	154
Dublin West	80,347	47,415	59.0	23,089	24,181	145
Dun Laoghaire	76,219	49,458	64.9	28,954	20,299	205
Galway East	42,551	25,806	60.7	5,961	19,701	144
Galway West	77,286	39,386	51.0	14,428	24,626	332
Kerry North	45,480	26,909	59.2	7,210	19,497	202
Kerry South	42,413	25,264	59.6	6,034	19,080	150
Kildare	74,075	42,688	57.6	19,094	23,354	240
Laoighis-Offaly	74,955	46,063	61.5	12,185	33,540	338
Limerick East	67,227	42,487	63.2	14,879	27,440	168
Limerick West	43,375	27,525	63.5	6,812	20,530	183
Longford-Westmeath	61,072	35,751	58.5	10,355	25,087	309
Louth	61,795	39,652	64.2	14,135	25,274	243
Mayo East	41,227	23,801	57.7	5,734	17,890	177
Mayo West	40,695	22,653	55.7	5,916	16,548	189
Meath	73,678	46,690	63.4	14,708	31,655	327
Roscommon	41,435	25,531	61.6	5,747	19,597	187
Sligo-Leitrim	59,551	35,905	60.3	10,490	25,073	342
Tipperary North	41,516	27,493	66.2	6,972	20,323	198
Tipperary South	54,887	35,789	65.2	9,649	25,869	271
Waterford	59,614	38,407	64.4	12,555	25,415	437
Wexford	69,541	43,987	63.3	13,470	30,312	205
Wicklow	64,127	38,862	60.6	18,170	20,574	118
TOTAL	**2,436,836**	**1,482,644**	**60.8**	**538,279**	**935,843**	**8,522**

20. **Referendum on ratification of the Single European Act (1987)**

Tenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1987

Polling at the referendum took place on Tuesday, 26 May 1987 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows on the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> "**THE TENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1987**, proposes to enable the State to ratify the Single European Act by inserting the sentence here following into subsection 3° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution after the first sentence:
>
> > The State may ratify the Single European Act (signed on behalf of the Member States of the Communities at Luxembourg on the 17th day of February, 1986, and at the Hague on the 28th day of February, 1986)."

(The statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1987).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 755,423 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 324,977. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 22 June 1987 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on Tenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1987

(Ratification of the Single European Act)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	78,653	35,385	45.0	25,284	9,856	245
Cavan-Monaghan	75,913	31,416	41.4	24,913	6,294	209
Clare	63,510	27,067	42.6	20,816	6,129	122
Cork East	55,940	26,122	46.7	17,285	8,747	90
Cork North-Central	64,011	27,931	43.6	15,068	12,759	104
Cork North-West	41,244	19,948	48.4	14,296	5,549	103
Cork South-Central	77,231	39,167	50.7	24,040	14,983	144
Cork South-West	42,304	19,944	47.1	13,734	6,100	110
Donegal North-East	44,055	16,984	38.5	11,040	5,834	110
Donegal South-West	47,526	16,278	34.2	11,090	5,117	71
Dublin Central	72,116	31,479	43.6	18,182	13,150	147
Dublin North	48,071	22,097	46.0	16,090	5,927	80
Dublin North-Central	57,247	29,300	51.2	19,263	9,944	93
Dublin North-East	51,377	24,098	46.9	15,165	8,816	117
Dublin North-West	50,742	22,047	43.4	11,916	10,018	113
Dublin South	79,614	42,790	53.7	31,614	11,074	102
Dublin South-Central	76,743	35,026	45.6	21,313	13,574	139
Dublin South-East	68,638	28,984	42.2	19,542	9,305	137
Dublin South-West	62,489	25,760	41.2	15,177	10,513	70
Dublin West	77,363	32,589	42.1	19,994	12,537	58
Dun Laoghaire	78,721	41,843	53.1	31,821	9,914	108
Galway East	42,491	16,806	39.5	13,897	2,823	86
Galway West	78,785	28,540	36.2	20,817	7,571	152
Kerry North	46,427	17,998	38.8	10,709	7,201	88
Kerry South	42,565	17,423	40.9	11,560	5,778	85
Kildare	76,003	32,307	42.5	23,685	8,514	108
Laoighis-Offaly	75,693	31,245	41.3	22,758	8,332	155
Limerick East	68,065	29,963	44.0	21,350	8,517	96
Limerick West	43,146	19,780	45.8	15,846	3,836	98
Longford-Westmeath	61,589	24,569	39.9	18,686	5,729	154
Louth	62,545	27,784	44.4	19,397	8,270	117
Mayo East	41,117	16,451	40.0	13,406	2,946	99
Mayo West	40,895	15,939	39.0	12,779	3,057	103
Meath	75,382	32,472	43.1	23,822	8,502	148
Roscommon	41,329	17,600	42.6	14,001	3,494	105
Sligo-Leitrim	59,608	26,849	45.0	20,110	6,540	199
Tipperary North	41,507	19,338	46.6	14,343	4,888	107
Tipperary South	55,560	25,792	46.4	19,180	6,464	148
Waterford	60,409	27,287	45.2	18,442	8,688	157
Wexford	69,773	30,856	44.2	22,208	8,524	124
Wicklow	65,393	30,050	45.9	20,784	9,163	103
TOTAL	**2,461,790**	**1,085,304**	**44.1**	**755,423**	**324,977**	**4,904**

21. **Referendum on European Union (1992)**

Eleventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1992

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 18 June 1992 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows on the official polling card circulated to each elector:

> **"THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1992,** relating to the amendment of Article 29 of the Constitution proposes to repeal the third sentence in subsection 3° of section 4 thereof and to insert the subsections here following into the said section 4:
>
> 4° The State may ratify the Treaty on European Union signed at Maastricht on the 7th day of February, 1992, and may become a member of that Union.
>
> 5° No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State which are necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union or of the Communities, or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the European Union or by the Communities or by institutions thereof, or by bodies competent under the Treaties establishing the Communities, from having the force of law in the State.
>
> 6° The State may ratify the Agreement relating to Community Patents drawn up between the Member States of the Communities and done at Luxembourg on the 15th day of December, 1989."

(The statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1992).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,001,076 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 448,655. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 16 July 1992 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on the Eleventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992

(European Union)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	81,192	48,091	59.2	34,180	13,633	278
Cavan-Monaghan	79,004	41,603	52.7	28,916	12,382	305
Clare	67,558	36,429	53.9	26,984	9,264	181
Cork East	58,159	35,780	61.5	24,738	10,863	179
Cork North-Central	64,497	37,223	57.7	24,285	12,800	138
Cork North-West	42,058	26,435	62.9	18,481	7,773	181
Cork South-Central	82,853	52,078	62.9	36,653	15,218	207
Cork South-West	43,753	26,691	61.0	18,689	7,846	156
Donegal North-East	46,934	23,889	50.9	14,063	9,737	89
Donegal South-West	48,494	23,650	48.8	13,724	9,837	89
Dublin Central	63,411	35,905	56.6	21,216	14,488	201
Dublin North	56,412	33,401	59.2	24,488	8,789	124
Dublin North-Central	55,376	36,171	65.3	23,526	12,524	121
Dublin North-East	55,024	33,827	61.5	21,469	12,238	120
Dublin North-West	47,937	27,687	57.8	15,642	11,874	171
Dublin South	87,322	54,995	63.0	40,569	14,267	159
Dublin South-Central	71,052	41,056	57.8	25,718	15,140	198
Dublin South-East	60,630	32,839	54.2	21,603	11,061	175
Dublin South-West	69,654	38,232	54.9	24,847	13,250	135
Dublin West	82,641	46,231	55.9	30,236	15,861	134
Dun Laoghaire	83,369	51,958	62.3	38,396	13,362	200
Galway East	43,219	23,274	53.9	17,306	5,780	188
Galway West	81,292	41,225	50.7	27,669	13,340	216
Kerry North	48,606	25,528	52.5	16,313	9,006	209
Kerry South	44,034	23,273	52.9	15,495	7,633	145
Kildare	85,073	46,758	55.0	34,314	12,275	169
Laoighis-Offaly	77,226	45,160	58.5	30,409	14,470	281
Limerick East	69,025	40,365	58.5	29,059	11,134	172
Limerick West	44,768	25,626	57.2	18,241	7,152	233
Longford-Westmeath	64,098	36,094	56.3	26,486	9,364	244
Louth	65,666	38,663	58.9	26,925	11,446	292
Mayo East	40,336	21,119	52.4	15,603	5,434	82
Mayo West	40,654	21,536	53.0	16,076	5,424	36
Meath	82,133	46,073	56.1	32,608	13,204	261
Roscommon	40,690	24,151	59.4	17,242	6,755	154
Sligo-Leitrim	60,675	33,526	55.3	23,826	9,461	239
Tipperary North	42,633	25,566	60.0	17,052	8,343	171
Tipperary South	56,705	34,163	60.2	22,810	11,148	205
Waterford	63,692	36,964	58.0	26,923	9,850	191
Wexford	75,553	43,096	57.0	30,347	12,491	258
Wicklow	69,432	40,888	58.9	27,949	12,738	201
TOTAL	**2,542,840**	**1,457,219**	**57.3**	**1,001,076**	**448,655**	**7,488**

22. **Referendum on right to life (1992)**

Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1992

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 25 November 1992 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on travel (Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992) and Information (Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992) and a General Election also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

'WHITE BALLOT PAPER - RIGHT TO LIFE

THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1992, proposes to amend Article 40 of the Constitution by the addition of the text here following to subsection 3° of section 3 thereof:

> "It shall be unlawful to terminate the life of an unborn unless such termination is necessary to save the life, as distinct from the health, of the mother where there is an illness or disorder of the mother giving rise to a real and substantial risk to her life, not being a risk of self-destruction.".'

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1992).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 572,177 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 1,079,297. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992

(Right to life)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	81,192	56,154	69.2	20,130	32,900	3,124
Cavan-Monaghan	79,004	55,523	70.3	20,494	31,290	3,739
Clare	65,579	44,537	67.9	15,504	26,251	2,782
Cork East	58,160	41,792	71.9	12,684	27,210	1,898
Cork North-Central	68,209	45,412	66.6	13,876	30,024	1,512
Cork North-West	44,578	33,611	75.4	9,346	22,225	2,040
Cork South-Central	75,747	53,853	71.1	16,862	35,224	1,767
Cork South-West	44,627	32,924	73.8	9,954	20,638	2,332
Donegal North-East	46,934	31,531	67.2	8,313	21,496	1,722
Donegal South-West	48,494	30,147	62.2	8,623	19,666	1,858
Dublin Central	59,941	36,764	61.3	11,557	23,922	1,285
Dublin North	62,917	43,418	69.0	16,037	26,309	1,072
Dublin North-Central	64,349	46,219	71.8	14,302	30,815	1,102
Dublin North-East	57,888	40,330	69.7	14,329	25,220	781
Dublin North-West	57,951	37,813	65.3	12,485	24,251	1,077
Dublin South	84,767	59,774	70.5	15,976	42,424	1,374
Dublin South-Central	63,316	40,770	64.4	12,656	27,164	950
Dublin South-East	68,366	40,270	58.9	10,361	29,097	812
Dublin South-West	69,654	43,094	61.9	16,832	25,330	932
Dublin West	57,755	37,532	65.0	14,461	22,258	813
Dun Laoghaire	85,924	59,065	68.7	17,284	40,503	1,278
Galway East	42,604	29,326	68.8	10,364	16,832	2,130
Galway West	78,539	50,057	63.7	15,557	31,337	3,163
Kerry North	48,606	33,850	69.6	9,885	21,464	2,501
Kerry South	44,034	30,877	70.1	10,370	17,861	2,646
Kildare	77,798	50,765	65.3	19,187	29,873	1,705
Laoighis-Offaly	77,226	54,174	70.2	18,915	31,947	3,312
Limerick East	71,004	48,673	68.6	14,799	31,800	2,074
Limerick West	44,768	31,922	71.3	9,086	20,581	2,255
Longford-Roscommon	60,452	45,246	74.9	16,155	25,701	3,390
Louth	65,666	44,178	67.3	16,509	25,999	1,670
Mayo East	43,392	29,504	68.0	10,055	17,044	2,405
Mayo West	43,407	29,699	68.4	11,009	16,165	2,525
Meath	77,900	51,380	66.0	19,570	29,688	2,122
Sligo-Leitrim	60,675	42,752	70.5	14,817	24,887	3,048
Tipperary North	42,633	31,944	74.9	10,102	19,693	2,149
Tipperary South	56,705	39,867	70.3	12,713	24,952	2,202
Waterford	63,692	43,092	67.7	13,372	27,852	1,868
Westmeath	46,128	30,909	67.0	10,901	18,340	1,668
Wexford	75,553	52,592	69.6	18,421	31,371	2,800
Wicklow	76,707	51,969	67.8	18,324	31,693	1,952
TOTAL	**2,542,841**	**1,733,309**	**68.2**	**572,177**	**1,079,297**	**81,835**

23. **Referendum on travel (1992)**

Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1992

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 25 November 1992 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on right to life (Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992 and information (Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992 and a General Election also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

'GREEN BALLOT PAPER - TRAVEL

THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1992, proposes to amend Article 40 of the Constitution by the addition of the paragraph here following to subsection 3° of section 3 thereof:

"This subsection shall not limit freedom to travel between the State and another state.".'

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1992).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,035,308 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 624,059. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 23 December 1992 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992

(Travel)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	81,192	56,186	69.2	32,818	20,479	2,889
Cavan-Monaghan	79,004	55,510	70.3	28,116	23,680	3,714
Clare	65,579	44,547	67.9	25,918	16,171	2,458
Cork East	58,160	41,806	71.9	21,345	18,823	1,638
Cork North-Central	68,209	45,438	66.6	25,456	18,440	1,542
Cork North-West	44,578	33,628	75.4	15,524	16,171	1,933
Cork South-Central	75,747	53,858	71.1	33,876	18,437	1,545
Cork South-West	44,627	32,935	73.8	16,381	14,460	2,094
Donegal North-East	46,934	31,535	67.2	12,253	17,537	1,745
Donegal South-West	48,494	30,134	62.1	10,933	17,382	1,819
Dublin Central	59,941	36,767	61.3	21,957	13,617	1,193
Dublin North	62,917	43,415	69.0	32,687	9,758	970
Dublin North-Central	64,349	46,134	71.7	30,826	14,316	992
Dublin North-East	57,888	40,290	69.6	29,742	9,947	601
Dublin North-West	57,951	37,825	65.3	25,640	11,374	811
Dublin South	84,767	59,657	70.4	45,734	12,888	1,035
Dublin South-Central	63,316	40,837	64.5	27,987	12,015	835
Dublin South-East	68,366	40,257	58.9	27,966	11,417	874
Dublin South-West	69,654	43,125	61.9	32,154	10,077	894
Dublin West	57,755	37,523	65.0	26,112	10,682	729
Dun Laoghaire	85,924	59,132	68.8	46,769	11,269	1,094
Galway East	42,604	29,335	68.9	15,459	11,847	2,029
Galway West	78,539	50,093	63.8	30,048	17,308	2,737
Kerry North	48,606	33,858	69.7	16,732	14,951	2,175
Kerry South	44,034	30,892	70.2	16,028	12,464	2,400
Kildare	77,798	50,791	65.3	35,503	13,907	1,381
Laoighis-Offaly	77,226	54,194	70.2	28,903	22,213	3,078
Limerick East	71,004	48,703	68.6	28,774	18,143	1,786
Limerick West	44,768	31,943	71.4	15,289	14,508	2,146
Longford-Roscommon	60,452	45,188	74.8	23,079	18,953	3,156
Louth	65,666	44,200	67.3	25,330	17,335	1,535
Mayo East	43,392	29,520	68.0	15,094	12,232	2,194
Mayo West	43,407	29,704	68.4	16,332	11,140	2,232
Meath	77,900	51,415	66.0	32,099	17,434	1,882
Sligo-Leitrim	60,675	42,762	70.5	22,573	17,314	2,875
Tipperary North	42,633	31,957	75.0	16,103	13,872	1,982
Tipperary South	56,705	39,882	70.3	20,064	18,000	1,818
Waterford	63,692	43,206	67.8	25,879	15,589	1,738
Westmeath	46,128	30,956	67.1	16,494	12,892	1,570
Wexford	75,553	52,597	69.6	30,644	19,331	2,622
Wicklow	76,707	52,086	67.9	34,687	15,686	1,713
TOTAL	**2,542,841**	**1,733,821**	**68.2**	**1,035,308**	**624,059**	**74,454**

24. **Referendum on information (1992)**

Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1992

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 25 November 1992 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on right to life (Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992 and travel (Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1992 and a General Election also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

'PINK BALLOT PAPER - INFORMATION

THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1992, proposes to amend Article 40 of the Constitution by the addition of the paragraph here following to subsection 3° of section 3 thereof:

"This subsection shall not limit freedom to obtain or make available, in the State, subject to such conditions as may be laid down by law, information relating to services lawfully available in another state.".'

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1992).

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 992,833 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 665,106. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 23 December 1992 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1992

(Information)

Constituency	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	81,192	56,177	69.2	31,463	21,684	3,030
Cavan-Monaghan	79,004	55,492	70.2	26,934	24,919	3,639
Clare	65,579	44,545	67.9	25,092	16,964	2,489
Cork East	58,160	41,757	71.8	20,924	19,102	1,731
Cork North-Central	68,209	45,415	66.6	24,266	19,689	1,460
Cork North-West	44,578	33,624	75.4	14,674	16,910	2,040
Cork South-Central	75,747	53,889	71.1	32,218	20,050	1,621
Cork South-West	44,627	32,933	73.8	15,562	15,197	2,174
Donegal North-East	46,934	31,537	67.2	12,395	17,538	1,604
Donegal South-West	48,494	30,133	62.1	11,797	16,446	1,890
Dublin Central	59,941	36,768	61.3	20,812	14,784	1,172
Dublin North	62,917	43,426	69.0	31,534	10,983	909
Dublin North-Central	64,349	46,042	71.6	29,253	15,815	974
Dublin North-East	57,888	40,284	69.6	28,623	11,036	625
Dublin North-West	57,951	37,823	65.3	24,485	12,474	864
Dublin South	84,767	59,651	70.4	43,613	15,018	1,020
Dublin South-Central	63,316	40,594	64.1	25,825	13,949	820
Dublin South-East	68,366	40,223	58.8	26,557	12,573	1,093
Dublin South-West	69,654	43,105	61.9	31,009	11,173	923
Dublin West	57,755	37,463	64.9	26,235	10,478	750
Dun Laoghaire	85,924	59,120	68.8	44,009	14,001	1,110
Galway East	42,604	28,345	66.5	14,885	12,487	973
Galway West	78,539	50,107	63.8	28,761	18,515	2,831
Kerry North	48,606	33,840	69.6	15,875	15,683	2,282
Kerry South	44,034	30,881	70.1	15,389	13,058	2,434
Kildare	77,798	50,769	65.3	33,425	15,935	1,409
Laoighis-Offaly	77,226	54,188	70.2	27,552	23,624	3,012
Limerick East	71,004	48,702	68.6	27,100	19,823	1,779
Limerick West	44,768	31,932	71.3	14,629	15,165	2,138
Longford-Roscommon	60,452	45,381	75.1	22,402	19,686	3,293
Louth	65,666	44,181	67.3	24,356	18,260	1,565
Mayo East	43,392	29,514	68.0	14,434	12,857	2,223
Mayo West	43,407	29,694	68.4	15,838	11,544	2,312
Meath	77,900	51,391	66.0	30,493	18,978	1,920
Sligo-Leitrim	60,675	42,742	70.4	21,659	18,164	2,919
Tipperary North	42,633	32,006	75.1	15,403	14,614	1,989
Tipperary South	56,705	39,882	70.3	20,144	17,878	1,860
Waterford	63,692	43,361	68.1	25,661	15,971	1,729
Westmeath	46,128	30,921	67.0	15,874	13,447	1,600
Wexford	75,553	52,593	69.6	28,384	21,530	2,679
Wicklow	76,707	52,002	67.8	33,289	17,104	1,609
TOTAL	**2,542,841**	**1,732,433**	**68.1**	**992,833**	**665,106**	**74,494**

25. **Referendum on dissolution of marriage (1995)**
Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill, 1995

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 24 November 1995 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **'THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (NO. 2) BILL, 1995**, proposes to substitute the subsection here following for subsection 2° of Article 41.3 of the Constitution:
>
> "2° A Court designated by law may grant a dissolution of marriage where, but only where, it is satisfied that -
>
> i. at the date of the institution of the proceedings, the spouses have lived apart from one another for a period of, or periods amounting to, at least four years during the previous five years,
>
> ii there is no reasonable prospect of a reconciliation between the spouses,
>
> iii such provision as the Court considers proper having regard to the circumstances exists or will be made for the spouses, any children of either or both of them and any other person prescribed by law, and
>
> iv any further conditions prescribed by law are complied with." .'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 818,842 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 809,728. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 17 June 1996 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 1995

(Dissolution of marriage)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	84,365	54,143	64.18	24,651	29,283	209
Cavan-Monaghan	80,970	47,824	59.06	17,817	29,787	220
Clare	67,829	40,295	59.41	17,576	22,577	142
Cork East	60,995	40,143	65.81	17,287	22,748	108
Cork North-Central	69,936	43,300	61.91	20,110	23,050	140
Cork North-West	45,938	30,784	67.01	10,409	20,264	111
Cork South-Central	79,270	53,919	68.02	28,433	25,360	126
Cork South-West	46,046	29,883	64.90	11,755	18,034	94
Donegal North-East	49,473	25,692	51.93	10,401	15,219	72
Donegal South-West	50,208	25,639	51.07	10,450	15,109	80
Dublin Central	59,215	33,956	57.34	19,378	14,474	104
Dublin North	68,512	45,586	66.54	29,704	15,756	126
Dublin North-Central	64,070	44,237	69.04	25,721	18,415	101
Dublin North-East	58,595	39,188	66.88	25,360	13,714	114
Dublin North-West	56,469	35,696	63.21	21,628	13,942	126
Dublin South	87,565	61,286	69.99	39,454	21,723	109
Dublin South-Central	60,825	39,096	64.28	22,839	16,131	126
Dublin South-East	63,830	38,506	60.33	24,901	13,493	112
Dublin South-West	73,109	44,626	61.04	29,767	14,769	90
Dublin West	63,487	39,594	62.37	25,811	13,697	86
Dun Laoghaire	89,160	60,274	67.60	41,028	19,121	125
Galway East	43,768	25,829	59.01	9,003	16,730	96
Galway West	83,513	47,398	56.76	22,977	24,261	160
Kerry North	49,762	29,093	58.46	11,848	17,131	114
Kerry South	45,849	26,769	58.39	10,203	16,456	110
Kildare	82,825	51,122	61.72	29,397	21,592	133
Laoighis-Offaly	81,078	51,093	63.02	20,426	30,467	200
Limerick East	73,956	46,511	62.89	23,184	23,140	187
Limerick West	46,069	28,905	62.74	10,617	18,159	129
Longford-Roscommon	61,920	37,980	61.34	13,333	24,477	170
Louth	68,809	42,683	62.03	22,004	20,516	163
Mayo East	44,366	24,959	56.26	9,243	15,621	95
Mayo West	45,745	25,306	55.32	10,455	14,764	87
Meath	83,655	49,840	59.58	23,790	25,861	189
Sligo-Leitrim	62,116	36,672	59.04	15,034	21,490	148
Tipperary North	43,958	28,836	65.60	11,020	17,699	117
Tipperary South	58,502	37,483	64.07	15,798	21,557	128
Waterford	66,132	40,987	61.98	20,305	20,508	174
Westmeath	46,900	28,171	60.07	11,704	16,353	114
Wexford	79,445	49,333	62.10	23,850	25,305	178
Wicklow	80,599	51,305	63.65	30,171	20,975	159
TOTAL	**2,628,834**	**1,633,942**	**62.15**	**818,842**	**809,728**	**5,372**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1995/96 which came into force on 15 February 1995. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

26. **Referendum on bail (1996)**

Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1996

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 28 November 1996 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **'THE SIXTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1996,** proposes to add the following subsection to section 4 of Article 40 of the Constitution:
>
> "7° Provision may be made by law for the refusal of bail by a court to a person charged with a serious offence where it is reasonably considered necessary to prevent the commission of a serious offence by that person.".'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 579,740 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 194,968. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 12 December 1996 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1996

(Bail)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	85,589	25,792	30.13	19,413	6,242	137
Cavan-Monaghan	81,466	19,899	24.43	14,573	5,201	125
Clare	68,641	18,510	26.97	13,626	4,828	56
Cork East	61,966	19,522	31.50	14,368	5,114	40
Cork North-Central	70,935	20,172	28.44	13,753	6,348	71
Cork North-West	46,310	15,639	33.77	11,722	3,857	60
Cork South-Central	81,420	27,075	33.25	18,822	8,183	70
Cork South-West	46,607	15,011	32.21	11,323	3,631	57
Donegal North-East	50,366	9,051	17.97	5,818	3,191	42
Donegal South-West	50,677	9,327	18.40	6,289	2,992	46
Dublin Central	59,526	17,690	29.72	12,361	5,267	62
Dublin North	69,954	22,520	32.19	17,388	5,129	53
Dublin North-Central	63,725	23,668	37.14	17,548	6,066	54
Dublin North-East	58,653	19,661	33.52	14,967	4,644	50
Dublin North-West	55,794	17,347	31.09	12,827	4,453	67
Dublin South	88,699	31,742	35.79	23,388	8,288	66
Dublin South-Central	59,930	20,476	34.17	15,088	5,316	72
Dublin South-East	64,134	19,603	30.57	12,620	6,917	66
Dublin South-West	74,176	19,978	26.93	15,324	4,611	43
Dublin West	65,235	17,916	27.46	14,095	3,792	29
Dun Laoghaire	89,767	30,941	34.47	21,646	9,216	79
Galway East	44,108	11,281	25.58	9,007	2,216	58
Galway West	84,202	20,696	24.58	15,256	5,363	77
Kerry North	50,303	12,906	25.66	9,314	3,523	69
Kerry South	46,459	12,517	26.94	9,170	3,287	60
Kildare	85,932	24,661	28.70	19,171	5,415	75
Laoighis-Offaly	82,054	23,724	28.91	18,007	5,612	105
Limerick East	74,746	22,286	29.82	17,472	4,764	50
Limerick West	46,385	13,208	28.47	10,468	2,648	92
Longford-Roscommon	62,324	18,365	29.47	14,714	3,561	90
Louth	69,725	18,166	26.05	13,445	4,634	87
Mayo East	44,474	11,309	25.43	8,897	2,356	56
Mayo West	46,368	11,750	25.34	9,018	2,686	46
Meath	85,805	23,380	27.25	18,020	5,265	95
Sligo-Leitrim	62,433	17,689	28.33	13,502	4,105	82
Tipperary North	44,488	14,378	32.32	11,112	3,187	79
Tipperary South	59,120	18,816	31.83	14,492	4,253	71
Waterford	67,002	18,106	27.02	13,209	4,830	67
Westmeath	46,925	13,297	28.34	10,177	3,059	61
Wexford	81,251	23,887	29.40	19,002	4,781	104
Wicklow	82,221	25,624	31.16	19,378	6,137	109
TOTAL	**2,659,895**	**777,586**	**29.23**	**579,740**	**194,968**	**2,878**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1996/97 which came into force on 15 February 1996. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

27. **Referendum on cabinet confidentiality (1997)**

Seventeenth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 1997

Polling at the referendum, which was held in conjunction with a Presidential Election, took place on Thursday, 30 October 1997 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **'THE SEVENTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (NO. 2) BILL, 1997**, proposes to insert the following subsection after subsection 2° of section 4 of Article 28 of the Constitution:
>
> "3° The confidentiality of discussions at meetings of the Government shall be respected in all circumstances save only where the High Court determines that disclosure should be made in respect of a particular matter -
>
> i. in the interests of the administration of justice by a Court, or
>
> ii. by virtue of an overriding public interest, pursuant to an application in that behalf by a tribunal appointed by the Government or a Minister of the Government on the authority of the Houses of the Oireachtas to inquire into a matter stated by them to be of public importance.".'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 632,777 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 569,175. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 14 November 1997 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on the Seventeenth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 1997

(Cabinet confidentiality)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	83,916	43,073	51.33	21,487	19,073	2,513
Cavan-Monaghan	81,914	39,862	48.66	22,232	14,827	2,803
Clare	69,756	34,867	49.98	18,211	14,578	2,078
Cork East	62,721	33,307	53.10	16,833	14,620	1,854
Cork North-Central	70,864	32,442	45.78	15,073	15,838	1,531
Cork North-West	46,369	27,972	60.32	14,086	11,787	2,099
Cork South-Central	82,981	43,792	52.77	20,515	21,319	1,958
Cork South-West	47,439	27,441	57.84	14,480	11,104	1,857
Donegal North-East	51,725	20,607	39.84	10,679	8,596	1,332
Donegal South-West	50,878	21,234	41.74	11,575	8,339	1,320
Dublin Central	63,046	21,786	34.56	11,032	9,907	847
Dublin North	62,885	29,353	46.68	14,887	13,524	942
Dublin North-Central	65,756	31,163	47.39	14,981	15,119	1,063
Dublin North-East	58,785	24,677	41.98	12,123	11,706	848
Dublin North-West	59,677	23,738	39.78	11,780	11,149	809
Dublin South	88,522	44,721	50.52	20,171	23,043	1,507
Dublin South-Central	67,138	28,522	42.48	13,684	13,771	1,067
Dublin South-East	62,149	28,343	45.60	11,794	15,417	1,132
Dublin South-West	74,929	26,036	34.75	13,554	11,512	970
Dublin West	65,552	26,203	39.97	13,070	12,205	928
Dun Laoghaire	85,557	41,839	48.90	19,069	21,346	1,424
Galway East	59,992	30,751	51.26	16,019	12,628	2,104
Galway West	76,169	34,877	45.79	16,437	16,239	2,201
Kerry North	50,742	22,944	45.22	11,104	10,317	1,523
Kerry South	46,991	22,679	48.26	11,623	9,490	1,566
Kildare North	50,590	22,975	45.41	11,371	10,755	849
Kildare South	46,893	19,981	42.61	10,284	8,875	822
Laoighis-Offaly	83,027	41,359	49.81	21,083	17,852	2,424
Limerick East	75,739	35,510	46.88	16,213	17,558	1,739
Limerick West	46,628	24,499	52.54	12,106	10,567	1,826
Longford-Roscommon	62,200	32,596	52.41	16,281	14,268	2,047
Louth	70,584	31,331	44.39	16,725	13,191	1,415
Mayo	85,178	41,514	48.74	21,593	17,366	2,555
Meath	88,283	39,224	44.43	20,299	16,981	1,944
Sligo-Leitrim	63,230	32,068	50.72	16,726	13,381	1,961
Tipperary North	52,237	28,402	54.37	14,140	12,335	1,927
Tipperary South	50,927	26,841	52.70	13,496	11,887	1,458
Waterford	68,548	31,499	45.95	16,369	13,322	1,808
Westmeath	47,080	22,968	48.79	11,600	10,086	1,282
Wexford	82,570	39,408	47.73	20,215	16,992	2,201
Wicklow	78,149	35,639	45.60	17,777	16,305	1,557
TOTAL	**2,688,316**	**1,268,043**	**47.17**	**632,777**	**569,175**	**66,091**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1997/98 which came into force on 15 February 1997. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

28. **Referendum on the Treaty of Amsterdam (1998)**

Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1998

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 22 May 1998 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on the British-Irish Agreement took place on the same day. The following prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum was included in a leaflet sent to each elector:

'GREEN BALLOT PAPER – TREATY OF AMSTERDAM

THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1998, proposes to insert the following subsections after subsection 4° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

"5° The State may ratify the Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts signed at Amsterdam on the 2nd day of October, 1997.

6° The State may exercise the options or discretions provided by or under Articles 1.11, 2.5 and 2.15 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 5° of this section and the second and fourth Protocols set out in the said Treaty but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.".'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 932,632 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 578,070. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 3 June 1998 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1998

(Treaty of Amsterdam)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	86,584	48,622	56.16	30,122	17,181	1,319
Cavan-Monaghan	83,141	50,513	60.76	32,044	17,115	1,354
Clare	71,060	36,603	51.51	22,939	12,709	955
Cork East	63,881	35,344	55.33	19,780	14,725	839
Cork North-Central	72,802	38,832	53.34	20,715	17,326	791
Cork North-West	47,402	27,990	59.05	15,682	11,472	836
Cork South-Central	85,752	49,892	58.18	28,460	20,606	826
Cork South-West	47,988	27,568	57.45	15,632	11,085	851
Donegal North-East	52,188	29,157	55.87	17,843	10,718	596
Donegal South-West	51,097	27,908	54.62	16,492	10,697	719
Dublin Central	63,483	33,533	52.82	18,744	14,186	603
Dublin North	65,312	39,603	60.64	24,912	14,159	532
Dublin North-Central	65,737	42,773	65.07	24,832	17,239	702
Dublin North-East	59,398	36,503	61.45	21,523	14,539	441
Dublin North-West	59,332	35,109	59.17	19,905	14,705	499
Dublin South	90,536	57,363	63.36	36,281	20,227	855
Dublin South-Central	66,994	39,795	59.40	22,349	16,782	664
Dublin South-East	62,663	37,310	59.54	22,298	14,376	636
Dublin South-West	76,748	40,106	52.26	22,604	16,959	543
Dublin West	68,773	38,567	56.08	22,495	15,571	501
Dun Laoghaire	86,311	53,652	62.16	34,530	18,268	854
Galway East	61,703	32,546	52.75	21,590	10,070	886
Galway West	79,180	38,730	48.91	23,470	14,285	975
Kerry North	51,641	26,197	50.73	14,126	11,394	677
Kerry South	47,677	25,427	53.33	14,410	10,232	785
Kildare North	54,104	29,406	54.35	18,479	10,485	442
Kildare South	47,904	24,564	51.28	15,644	8,442	478
Laoighis-Offaly	84,530	46,585	55.11	27,839	17,690	1,056
Limerick East	77,884	42,286	54.29	26,241	15,113	932
Limerick West	48,454	25,420	52.46	15,287	9,348	785
Longford-Roscommon	63,968	35,896	56.12	23,255	11,600	1,041
Louth	72,116	43,643	60.52	28,137	14,724	782
Mayo	86,785	45,244	52.13	28,621	15,284	1,339
Meath	92,053	49,811	54.11	31,660	17,189	962
Sligo-Leitrim	64,538	36,815	57.04	23,487	12,290	1,038
Tipperary North	53,368	30,611	57.36	18,137	11,649	825
Tipperary South	51,439	29,789	57.91	18,240	10,764	785
Waterford	69,793	37,865	54.25	23,002	14,005	858
Westmeath	48,289	26,392	54.65	16,310	9,385	697
Wexford	84,228	44,293	52.59	27,860	15,326	1,107
Wicklow	80,252	45,667	56.90	26,655	18,150	862
TOTAL	**2,747,088**	**1,543,930**	**56.20**	**932,632**	**578,070**	**33,228**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1998/99 which came into force on 15 February 1998. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

29. **Referendum on British-Irish Agreement (1998)**

Nineteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1998

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 22 May 1998 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on the Treaty of Amsterdam took place on the same day. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was included in a leaflet sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 2.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,442,583 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 85,748. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 3 June 1998 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Nineteenth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 1998

(British-Irish Agreement)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	86,584	48,651	56.19	45,362	2,531	758
Cavan-Monaghan	83,141	50,564	60.82	46,612	3,194	758
Clare	71,060	36,643	51.57	34,089	2,023	531
Cork East	63,881	35,353	55.34	33,582	1,275	496
Cork North-Central	72,802	38,861	53.38	35,703	2,773	385
Cork North-West	47,402	27,993	59.05	25,878	1,689	426
Cork South-Central	85,752	49,939	58.24	46,596	3,001	342
Cork South-West	47,988	27,598	57.51	25,591	1,604	403
Donegal North-East	52,188	29,217	55.98	26,923	2,012	282
Donegal South-West	51,097	27,959	54.72	25,919	1,693	347
Dublin Central	63,483	33,576	52.89	31,232	1,998	346
Dublin North	65,312	39,630	60.68	37,756	1,689	185
Dublin North-Central	65,737	42,807	65.12	40,196	2,322	289
Dublin North-East	59,398	36,497	61.44	34,347	1,985	165
Dublin North-West	59,332	35,156	59.25	32,731	2,171	254
Dublin South	90,536	57,414	63.42	54,727	2,431	256
Dublin South-Central	66,994	39,823	59.44	36,945	2,515	363
Dublin South-East	62,663	37,400	59.68	35,375	1,760	265
Dublin South-West	76,748	40,144	52.31	37,475	2,382	287
Dublin West	68,773	38,614	56.15	36,378	2,043	193
Dun Laoghaire	86,311	53,710	62.23	51,161	2,244	305
Galway East	61,703	32,575	52.79	30,577	1,465	533
Galway West	79,180	38,762	48.95	36,302	2,014	446
Kerry North	51,641	26,245	50.82	24,048	1,869	328
Kerry South	47,677	25,491	53.47	23,540	1,550	401
Kildare North	54,104	29,431	54.40	27,925	1,333	173
Kildare South	47,904	24,590	51.33	22,958	1,359	273
Laoighis-Offaly	84,530	46,601	55.13	43,176	2,773	652
Limerick East	77,884	42,323	54.34	39,458	2,432	433
Limerick West	48,454	25,482	52.59	23,634	1,422	426
Longford-Roscommon	63,968	35,956	56.21	33,297	2,004	655
Louth	72,116	43,651	60.53	40,664	2,607	380
Mayo	86,785	45,259	52.15	42,264	2,248	747
Meath	92,053	49,863	54.17	46,859	2,507	497
Sligo-Leitrim	64,538	36,864	57.12	34,237	2,030	597
Tipperary North	53,368	30,628	57.39	28,322	1,833	473
Tipperary South	51,439	29,822	57.98	27,636	1,696	490
Waterford	69,793	37,825	54.20	35,282	2,140	403
Westmeath	48,289	26,411	54.69	24,488	1,529	394
Wexford	84,228	44,334	52.64	40,810	2,938	586
Wicklow	80,252	45,733	56.99	42,528	2,664	541
TOTAL	**2,747,088**	**1,545,395**	**56.26**	**1,442,583**	**85,748**	**17,064**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1998/99 which came into force on 15 February 1998. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

30. **Referendum on Local Government (1999)**

Twentieth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 1999

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 11 June 1999 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Elections to the European Parliament and to local authorities took place on the same day. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **'THE TWENTIETH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (No. 2) BILL, 1999**, proposes to insert the following Article after Article 28 of the Constitution:
>
> **"LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
>
> **Article 28A**
>
> 1. The State recognises the role of local government in providing a forum for the democratic representation of local communities, in exercising and performing at local level powers and functions conferred by law and in promoting by its initiatives the interests of such communities.
>
> 2. There shall be such directly elected local authorities as may be determined by law and their powers and functions shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, be so determined and shall be exercised and performed in accordance with law.
>
> 3. Elections for members of such local authorities shall be held in accordance with law not later than the end of the fifth year after the year in which they were last held.
>
> 4. Every citizen who has the right to vote at an election for members of Dáil Éireann and such other persons as may be determined by law shall have the right to vote at an election for members of such of the local authorities referred to in *section 2* of this Article as shall be determined by law.
>
> 5. Casual vacancies in the membership of local authorities referred to in *section 2* of this Article shall be filled in accordance with law."'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,024,850 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 291,965. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 23 June 1999 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twentieth Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 1999

(Local Government)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Borough Corporations						
Cork	91,255	42,800	46.90	31,375	8,858	2,567
Dublin	351,188	124,105	35.34	87,558	30,385	6,162
Galway	38,846	17,268	44.45	12,318	3,300	1,650
Limerick	37,816	18,135	47.96	12,849	4,031	1,255
Waterford	29,451	13,249	44.99	9,599	2,756	894
County Councils						
Carlow	34,074	17,560	51.53	12,403	3,900	1,257
Cavan	43,134	27,681	64.17	20,028	5,422	2,231
Clare	75,542	45,365	60.05	32,618	8,726	4,021
Cork Northern Division	58,242	36,615	62.87	26,053	6,699	3,863
Cork Southern Division	136,188	71,437	52.45	51,761	14,172	5,504
Cork Western Division	37,426	24,533	65.55	18,143	4,185	2,205
Donegal	105,236	65,225	61.98	46,669	13,774	4,782
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	146,036	57,059	39.07	42,606	11,870	2,583
Fingal	121,929	47,647	39.08	34,180	11,076	2,391
Galway	103,728	60,618	58.44	43,512	10,590	6,516
Kerry	100,272	63,442	63.27	44,189	12,493	6,760
Kildare	102,867	46,058	44.77	33,939	9,408	2,711
Kilkenny	57,167	32,164	56.26	23,411	6,235	2,518
Laois	40,820	25,485	62.43	17,643	5,690	2,152
Leitrim	21,232	16,010	75.41	11,875	2,972	1,163
Limerick	86,420	48,409	56.02	34,364	9,111	4,934
Longford	24,385	17,304	70.96	12,213	3,453	1,638
Louth	73,906	35,731	48.35	25,553	8,039	2,139
Mayo	87,636	56,502	64.47	42,538	8,901	5,063
Meath	94,558	44,113	46.65	32,210	8,814	3,089
Monaghan	41,172	27,167	65.98	18,879	5,711	2,577
Offaly	46,117	26,397	57.24	19,133	5,272	1,992
Roscommon	40,814	28,432	69.66	20,971	5,196	2,265
Sligo	43,546	30,180	69.31	22,053	5,836	2,291
South Dublin	160,517	54,592	34.01	38,824	13,226	2,542
Tipperary (NR)	46,434	31,244	67.29	22,708	5,910	2,626
Tipperary (SR)	58,106	37,189	64.00	26,932	7,160	3,097
Waterford	41,934	25,950	61.88	17,475	4,896	3,579
Westmeath	49,061	25,881	52.75	18,666	5,279	1,936
Wexford	85,172	43,491	51.06	30,772	9,316	3,403
Wicklow	79,188	40,843	51.58	28,830	9,303	2,710
TOTAL	**2,791,415**	**1,425,881**	**51.08**	**1,024,850**	**291,965**	**109,066**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 1999/2000 which came into force on 15 February 1999. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

31. **Referendum on prohibition of death penalty (2001)**

Twenty-first Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 2001

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 7 June 2001 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on the International Criminal Court (Twenty-third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001 and on the Treaty of Nice (Twenty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001 also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in a leaflet sent to each elector:

'**BLUE BALLOT PAPER – PROHIBITION OF DEATH PENALTY**

THE TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (NO. 2) BILL, 2001, proposes to amend –

Article 13.6, to delete ", except in capital cases,";

Article 15.5, to insert the following subsection:

"2° The Oireachtas shall not enact any law providing for the imposition of the death penalty.";

In Article 28.3.3°, to insert "other than Article 15.5.2°" after "Constitution";

In Article 40.4, to delete subsection 5°.'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 610,455 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 372,950. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 27 March 2002 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-first Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 2001

(Prohibition of death penalty)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	92,470	31,543	34.11	18,264	12,777	502
Cavan-Monaghan	85,803	29,758	34.68	18,378	10,783	597
Clare	76,227	23,500	30.83	14,458	8,678	364
Cork East	68,707	24,481	35.63	14,414	9,690	377
Cork North-Central	75,038	25,090	33.44	14,721	10,020	349
Cork North-West	49,749	18,632	37.45	10,874	7,364	394
Cork South-Central	90,790	33,742	37.16	21,197	12,166	379
Cork South-West	50,677	18,779	37.06	11,504	6,894	381
Donegal North-East	55,035	15,201	27.62	9,405	5,554	242
Donegal South-West	52,671	15,049	28.57	8,786	6,029	234
Dublin Central	61,290	20,631	33.66	12,435	7,896	300
Dublin North	70,321	26,577	37.79	17,110	9,245	222
Dublin North-Central	64,007	27,645	43.19	17,207	10,187	251
Dublin North-East	59,877	23,898	39.91	14,939	8,764	195
Dublin North-West	57,284	21,931	38.28	13,570	8,139	222
Dublin South	93,038	39,531	42.49	27,536	11,714	281
Dublin South-Central	65,542	25,624	39.10	16,090	9,187	347
Dublin South-East	58,820	23,304	39.62	16,562	6,394	348
Dublin South-West	81,266	25,900	31.87	14,761	10,884	255
Dublin West	77,760	26,762	34.42	16,723	9,868	171
Dun Laoghaire	86,549	37,056	42.82	26,424	10,356	276
Galway East	65,633	19,445	29.63	11,723	7,316	406
Galway West	83,176	24,561	29.53	15,920	8,235	406
Kerry North	53,366	17,486	32.77	9,845	7,360	281
Kerry South	48,992	15,701	32.05	9,537	5,886	278
Kildare North	59,035	20,329	34.44	13,026	7,087	216
Kildare South	51,142	16,517	32.30	9,560	6,731	226
Laoighis-Offaly	90,987	29,272	32.17	16,706	11,977	589
Limerick East	80,339	27,729	34.51	15,935	11,400	394
Limerick West	49,160	17,106	34.80	9,882	6,845	379
Longford-Roscommon	67,305	21,519	31.97	12,766	8,375	378
Louth	78,007	26,485	33.95	15,616	10,547	322
Mayo	90,336	27,195	30.10	15,912	10,737	546
Meath	101,888	33,210	32.59	20,221	12,582	407
Sligo-Leitrim	66,748	23,489	35.19	13,894	9,086	509
Tipperary North	56,278	19,115	33.97	11,590	7,143	382
Tipperary South	53,463	19,804	37.04	11,373	7,989	442
Waterford	71,946	25,158	34.97	14,984	9,775	399
Westmeath	51,664	16,321	31.59	9,384	6,658	279
Wexford	90,507	30,228	33.40	17,450	12,240	538
Wicklow	85,067	32,581	38.30	19,773	12,392	416
Total	**2,867,960**	**997,885**	**34.79**	**610,455**	**372,950**	**14,480**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2001/2002 which came into force on 15 February 2001. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

32. **Referendum on International Criminal Court (2001)**

Twenty-third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 7 June 2001 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on the prohibition of the death penalty (Twenty-first Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 2001 and the Treaty of Nice (Twenty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001 also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in a leaflet sent to each elector:

'**PINK BALLOT PAPER – THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

THE TWENTY-THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 2001 proposes to amend -

"9 The State may ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on the 17th day of July, 1998.".

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 628,695 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 350,963. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 27 March 2002 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001

(International Criminal Court)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	92,470	31,536	34.10	19,747	11,094	695
Cavan-Monaghan	85,803	29,698	34.61	18,803	10,184	711
Clare	76,227	23,504	30.83	15,251	7,767	486
Cork East	68,707	24,480	35.63	14,420	9,555	505
Cork North-Central	75,038	25,053	33.39	14,817	9,817	419
Cork North-West	49,749	18,627	37.44	10,890	7,206	531
Cork South-Central	90,790	33,739	37.16	22,112	11,144	483
Cork South-West	50,677	18,770	37.04	11,869	6,422	479
Donegal North-East	55,035	15,176	27.58	8,446	6,428	302
Donegal South-West	52,671	15,043	28.56	8,175	6,572	296
Dublin Central	61,290	20,636	33.67	11,377	8,926	333
Dublin North	70,321	26,560	37.77	18,262	8,039	259
Dublin North-Central	64,007	27,605	43.13	17,490	9,897	218
Dublin North-East	59,877	23,857	39.84	15,419	8,181	257
Dublin North-West	57,284	21,937	38.30	13,552	8,106	279
Dublin South	93,038	39,528	42.49	28,195	10,929	404
Dublin South-Central	65,542	25,624	39.10	15,551	9,638	347
Dublin South-East	58,820	23,310	39.63	15,777	7,066	467
Dublin South-West	81,266	25,892	31.86	15,613	9,996	283
Dublin West	77,760	26,780	34.44	17,956	8,601	223
Dun Laoghaire	86,549	37,014	42.77	26,443	10,164	407
Galway East	65,633	19,443	29.62	12,023	6,951	469
Galway West	83,176	24,563	29.53	15,536	8,503	524
Kerry North	53,366	17,480	32.75	9,902	7,178	400
Kerry South	48,992	15,683	32.01	9,585	5,690	408
Kildare North	59,035	20,332	34.44	14,099	5,985	248
Kildare South	51,142	16,512	32.29	10,690	5,556	266
Laoighis-Offaly	90,987	29,274	32.17	18,221	10,378	675
Limerick East	80,339	27,718	34.50	17,281	10,014	423
Limerick West	49,160	17,097	34.78	10,426	6,178	493
Longford-Roscommon	67,305	21,521	31.98	12,954	8,083	484
Louth	78,007	26,481	33.95	16,428	9,667	386
Mayo	90,336	27,191	30.10	15,840	10,694	657
Meath	101,888	33,206	32.59	21,817	10,880	509
Sligo-Leitrim	66,748	23,498	35.20	14,000	8,930	568
Tipperary North	56,278	19,114	33.96	12,062	6,585	467
Tipperary South	53,463	19,807	37.05	12,098	7,205	504
Waterford	71,946	25,159	34.97	15,845	8,797	517
Westmeath	51,664	16,315	31.58	9,538	6,474	303
Wexford	90,507	30,230	33.40	19,156	10,467	607
Wicklow	85,067	32,572	38.29	21,029	11,016	527
Total	**2,867,960**	**997,565**	**34.78**	**628,695**	**350,963**	**17,819**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2001/2002 which came into force on 15 February 2001. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

33. **Referendum on the Treaty of Nice (2001)**

Twenty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 7 June 2001 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Referendums on the prohibition of the death penalty (Twenty-first Amendment of the Constitution (No. 2) Bill 2001 and the International Criminal Court (Twenty-third Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001 also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in a leaflet sent to each elector:

'**WHITE BALLOT PAPER – THE TREATY OF NICE**

THE TWENTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 2001 proposes to insert the following subsections after subsection 6° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

"7˚ The State may ratify the Treaty of Nice amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts signed at Nice on the 26th day of February, 2001.

8˚ The State may exercise the options or discretions provided by or under Articles 1.6, 1.9, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 2.1 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 7˚ of this section but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.".'

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 453,461 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 529,478. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2001

(The Nice Treaty)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	92,470	31,548	34.12	14,799	16,197	552
Cavan-Monaghan	85,803	29,712	34.63	14,031	15,145	536
Clare	76,227	23,504	30.83	11,265	11,853	386
Cork East	68,707	24,474	35.62	10,490	13,613	371
Cork North-Central	75,038	25,080	33.42	10,127	14,648	305
Cork North-West	49,749	18,646	37.48	8,224	9,978	444
Cork South-Central	90,790	33,740	37.16	15,428	17,952	360
Cork South-West	50,677	18,777	37.05	8,725	9,704	348
Donegal North-East	55,035	15,175	27.57	5,953	8,980	242
Donegal South-West	52,671	15,048	28.57	5,879	8,961	208
Dublin Central	61,290	20,634	33.67	8,115	12,197	322
Dublin North	70,321	26,584	37.80	12,635	13,695	254
Dublin North-Central	64,007	27,634	43.17	11,752	15,636	246
Dublin North-East	59,877	23,843	39.82	10,291	13,338	214
Dublin North-West	57,284	21,937	38.30	9,078	12,621	238
Dublin South	93,038	39,585	42.55	20,369	18,894	322
Dublin South-Central	65,542	25,618	39.09	11,199	14,141	278
Dublin South-East	58,820	23,321	39.65	11,327	11,650	344
Dublin South-West	81,266	25,902	31.87	9,856	15,797	249
Dublin West	77,760	26,746	34.40	11,708	14,856	182
Dun Laoghaire	86,549	37,046	42.80	19,654	17,030	362
Galway East	65,633	19,441	29.62	9,009	10,034	398
Galway West	83,176	24,571	29.54	10,100	13,951	520
Kerry North	53,366	17,491	32.78	6,786	10,426	279
Kerry South	48,992	15,684	32.01	6,924	8,486	274
Kildare North	59,035	20,336	34.45	9,923	10,196	217
Kildare South	51,142	16,515	32.29	7,771	8,513	231
Laoighis-Offaly	90,987	29,274	32.17	13,950	14,736	588
Limerick East	80,339	27,725	34.51	12,720	14,593	412
Limerick West	49,160	17,106	34.80	8,246	8,476	384
Longford-Roscommon	67,305	21,526	31.98	9,988	11,128	410
Louth	78,007	26,489	33.96	12,203	13,972	314
Mayo	90,336	27,195	30.10	11,799	14,865	531
Meath	101,888	33,209	32.59	15,712	17,005	492
Sligo-Leitrim	66,748	23,505	35.21	10,303	12,671	531
Tipperary North	56,278	19,105	33.95	9,260	9,472	373
Tipperary South	53,463	19,801	37.04	9,410	9,965	426
Waterford	71,946	25,159	34.97	11,919	12,795	445
Westmeath	51,664	16,322	31.59	7,233	8,814	275
Wexford	90,507	30,231	33.40	14,461	15,220	550
Wicklow	85,067	32,587	38.31	14,839	17,274	474
Total	**2,867,960**	**997,826**	**34.79**	**453,461**	**529,478**	**14,887**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2001/2002 which came into force on 15 February 2001. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

34. **Referendum on Human Life in Pregnancy (2002)**

Twenty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy) Bill 2001

Polling at the referendum took place on Wednesday, 6 March 2002 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was included in a leaflet sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 3.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 618,485 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 629,041. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy) Bill 2001

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	94,668	40,739	43.03	22,619	17,889	231
Cavan-Monaghan	86,865	35,360	40.71	23,171	11,956	233
Clare	77,519	30,458	39.29	17,498	12,780	180
Cork East	70,122	30,301	43.21	16,897	13,281	123
Cork North-Central	75,794	31,746	41.88	15,624	15,943	179
Cork North-West	50,367	23,077	45.82	14,175	8,749	153
Cork South-Central	92,322	43,804	47.45	19,979	23,611	214
Cork South-West	51,531	21,623	41.96	11,527	9,931	165
Donegal North-East	56,794	19,068	33.57	13,394	5,580	94
Donegal South-West	53,443	18,212	34.08	12,084	6,001	127
Dublin Central	62,925	24,946	39.64	10,178	14,634	134
Dublin North	72,175	35,817	49.63	12,877	22,829	111
Dublin North-Central	64,262	33,680	52.41	14,070	19,473	137
Dublin North-East	60,015	30,126	50.20	10,763	19,259	104
Dublin North-West	57,761	26,496	45.87	11,064	15,286	146
Dublin South	94,179	50,014	53.11	17,451	32,339	224
Dublin South-Central	65,990	31,060	47.07	12,241	18,662	157
Dublin South-East	60,251	29,097	48.29	9,414	19,558	125
Dublin South-West	82,070	34,443	41.97	12,369	21,933	141
Dublin West	80,757	36,736	45.49	13,285	23,344	107
Dun Laoghaire	87,186	46,336	53.15	14,653	31,476	207
Galway East	67,485	25,777	38.20	16,170	9,424	183
Galway West	84,258	32,247	38.27	15,996	16,101	150
Kerry North	54,137	20,088	37.11	11,439	8,537	112
Kerry South	49,527	19,299	38.97	11,392	7,759	148
Kildare North	61,301	26,978	44.01	11,446	15,415	117
Kildare South	52,386	20,593	39.31	10,110	10,375	108
Laoighis-Offaly	93,648	38,060	40.64	23,207	14,618	235
Limerick East	81,136	34,581	42.62	16,485	17,890	206
Limerick West	50,505	21,480	42.53	12,543	8,786	151
Longford-Roscommon	68,485	26,911	39.29	17,093	9,650	168
Louth	80,663	34,016	42.17	17,015	16,808	193
Mayo	91,805	32,319	35.20	19,797	12,334	188
Meath	107,309	43,914	40.92	22,698	21,012	204
Sligo-Leitrim	67,759	26,193	38.66	15,429	10,602	162
Tipperary North	57,211	24,002	41.95	15,197	8,647	158
Tipperary South	54,272	22,711	41.85	13,099	9,459	153
Waterford	72,772	32,315	44.41	15,873	16,286	156
Westmeath	52,897	20,514	38.78	11,888	8,497	129
Wexford	92,603	37,997	41.03	19,487	18,295	215
Wicklow	86,763	41,041	47.30	16,788	24,032	221
Total	**2,923,918**	**1,254,175**	**42.89**	**618,485**	**629,041**	**6,649**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2002/2003 which came into force on 15 February 2002. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

35. **Referendum on the Treaty of Nice (2002)**

Twenty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2002

Polling at the referendum took place on Saturday, 19 October 2002 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> "1. **THE TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 2002** proposes to insert the following subsections after subsection 6° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:
>
> '7° The State may ratify the Treaty of Nice amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts signed at Nice on the 26th day of February, 2001.
>
> 8° The State may exercise the options or discretions provided by or under Articles 1.6, 1.9, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 2.1 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 7° of this section but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.
>
> 9° The State shall not adopt a decision taken by the European Council to establish a common defence pursuant to Article 1.2 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 7° of this section where that common defence would include the State.'."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 906,317 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 534,887. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 7 November 2002 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2002

(Treaty of Nice)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	94,668	47,192	49.85	31,402	15,546	244
Cavan-Monaghan	86,865	43,860	50.49	27,262	16,370	228
Clare	77,519	36,472	47.05	24,839	11,484	149
Cork East	71,175	35,611	50.03	21,960	13,504	147
Cork North-Central	76,671	36,047	47.02	19,751	16,146	150
Cork North-West	52,513	29,056	55.33	18,552	10,360	144
Cork South-Central	88,246	45,922	52.04	28,506	17,282	134
Cork South-West	51,531	27,093	52.58	16,694	10,243	156
Donegal North-East	56,794	22,306	39.28	11,647	10,555	104
Donegal South-West	53,443	22,331	41.78	12,227	10,022	82
Dublin Central	60,152	28,880	48.01	16,460	12,305	115
Dublin Mid-West	54,337	24,373	44.86	14,716	9,657	0**
Dublin North	70,799	37,371	52.78	24,839	12,532	0**
Dublin North-Central	64,599	36,532	56.55	22,763	13,676	93
Dublin North-East	51,198	26,435	51.63	15,953	10,414	68
Dublin North-West	47,043	22,214	47.22	11,961	10,176	77
Dublin South	90,876	51,229	56.37	37,096	14,133	0**
Dublin South-Central	84,372	39,678	47.03	21,454	18,048	176
Dublin South-East	56,839	29,253	51.47	19,720	9,407	126
Dublin South-West	67,215	31,336	46.62	17,820	13,516	0**
Dublin West	51,651	25,659	49.68	15,935	9,724	0**
Dún Laoghaire	88,490	50,070	56.58	36,695	13,375	0**
Galway East	72,283	34,364	47.54	22,202	11,986	176
Galway West	79,460	35,930	45.22	21,649	14,146	135
Kerry North	54,137	25,081	46.33	13,887	11,097	97
Kerry South	49,527	24,829	50.13	14,958	9,766	105
Kildare North	57,540	29,060	50.50	19,868	9,080	112
Kildare South	56,147	26,063	46.42	17,123	8,808	132
Laoighis-Offaly	93,648	46,052	49.18	30,120	15,742	190
Limerick East	79,005	38,981	49.34	23,876	14,921	184
Limerick West	52,636	26,402	50.16	16,581	9,701	120
Longford-Roscommon	68,485	34,871	50.92	21,549	13,153	169
Louth	80,663	38,478	47.70	22,739	15,513	226
Mayo	91,805	42,361	46.14	24,647	17,510	204
Meath	107,309	50,086	46.67	32,712	17,374	0**
Sligo-Leitrim	67,759	33,428	49.33	20,981	12,214	233
Tipperary North	57,211	29,368	51.33	19,705	9,484	179
Tipperary South	54,272	27,929	51.46	18,167	9,602	160
Waterford	72,772	36,745	50.49	23,291	13,297	157
Westmeath	52,897	25,619	48.43	16,235	9,249	135
Wexford	92,603	45,223	48.84	28,065	16,937	221
Wicklow	86,763	46,798	53.94	29,710	16,832	256
Total	**2,923,918**	**1,446,588**	**49.47**	**906,317**	**534,887**	**5,384**

* The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2002/2003 which came into force on 15 February 2002. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

** As these constituencies used the electronic voting and counting system, no spoiled votes were recorded.

36. **Referendum on Citizenship (2004)**

Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2004

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 11 June 2004 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Elections to the European Parliament and to local authorities took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> "1. **THE TWENTY-SEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL 2004** proposes to insert the following section after section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution:
>
> '2 1° Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, a person born in the island of Ireland, which includes its islands and seas, who does not have, at the time of the birth of that person, at least one parent who is an Irish citizen or entitled to be an Irish citizen is not entitled to Irish citizenship or nationality, unless provided for by law.
>
> 2° This section shall not apply to persons born before the date of the enactment of this section.'."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,427,520 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 375,695. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 24 June 2004 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2004

(Citizenship)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Cities						
Cork	88,874	49,836	56.07	38,931	10,531	374
Dublin	336,795	179,188	53.20	138,685	39,323	1,180
Galway	41,925	21,075	50.27	15,849	5,045	181
Limerick	37,649	21,290	56.55	17,059	4,077	154
Waterford	29,290	17,576	60.01	14,113	3,321	142
Counties						
Carlow	37,914	21,797	57.49	17,393	4,151	253
Cavan	47,258	31,817	67.33	25,320	6,030	467
Clare	83,351	53,848	64.60	42,822	10,329	697
Cork	265,657	163,932	61.71	127,992	33,805	2,135
Donegal	116,125	72,250	62.22	52,985	17,990	1,275
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	148,125	81,979	55.34	57,869	23,740	370
Fingal	138,807	78,593	56.62	63,448	14,600	545
Galway	118,937	77,018	64.76	60,770	14,848	1,400
Kerry	106,377	71,819	67.51	56,147	14,635	1,037
Kildare	127,162	66,594	52.37	54,108	12,070	416
Kilkenny	64,218	40,883	63.66	32,079	8,251	553
Laois	46,775	30,765	65.77	24,809	5,549	407
Leitrim	22,875	17,317	75.70	12,977	4,034	306
Limerick	94,500	60,305	63.81	47,858	11,643	804
Longford	27,029	19,269	71.29	15,970	2,958	341
Louth	82,501	48,147	58.36	39,633	8,185	329
Mayo	96,888	63,414	65.45	48,029	14,164	1,221
Meath	116,300	63,317	54.44	52,291	10,535	491
Monaghan	44,074	30,466	69.12	23,868	6,107	491
North Tipperary	51,358	36,061	70.21	27,671	7,815	575
Offaly	51,929	32,429	62.45	25,771	6,207	451
Roscommon	45,398	30,906	68.08	24,269	6,191	446
Sligo	46,861	32,312	68.95	23,405	8,499	408
South Dublin	175,139	92,292	52.70	75,510	16,403	379
South Tipperary	61,518	41,710	67.80	32,246	8,557	907
Waterford	45,687	29,299	64.13	23,301	5,671	327
Westmeath	57,740	34,848	60.35	27,782	6,565	501
Wexford	98,705	57,655	58.41	45,488	11,790	377
Wicklow	87,947	53,427	60.75	41,072	12,076	279
Total	**3,041,688**	**1,823,434**	**59.95**	**1,427,520**	**375,695**	**20,219**

* The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2004/2005 which came into force on 15 February 2004. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

37. **Referendum on the Lisbon Treaty (2008)**

Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2008

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 12 June 2008 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was included in a leaflet sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 4.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 752,451 and the total number of votes recorded against the proposal was 862,415. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2008

(Lisbon Treaty)

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	103,397	52,644	50.91	26,210	26,206	228
Cavan-Monaghan	92,920	49,649	53.43	22,346	27,113	190
Clare	77,398	40,617	52.48	20,982	19,490	145
Cork East	83,850	42,398	50.56	18,177	24,052	169
Cork North-Central	65,738	35,120	53.42	12,440	22,546	134
Cork North-West	63,574	35,358	55.62	16,253	18,991	114
Cork South-Central	89,844	49,455	55.05	22,112	27,166	177
Cork South-West	58,225	32,184	55.28	14,235	17,806	143
Donegal North-East	56,195	25,654	45.65	9,006	16,504	144
Donegal South-West	60,079	27,946	46.52	10,174	17,659	113
Dublin Central	57,864	28,265	48.85	12,328	15,816	121
Dublin Mid-West	61,622	31,833	51.66	12,577	19,182	74
Dublin North	81,550	45,077	55.28	22,696	22,194	187
Dublin North-Central	51,156	31,245	61.08	15,772	15,396	77
Dublin North-East	52,432	29,991	57.20	12,917	16,973	101
Dublin North-West	49,893	26,394	52.90	9,576	16,749	69
Dublin South	87,855	51,342	58.44	32,190	19,005	147
Dublin South-Central	81,743	42,170	51.59	16,410	25,624	136
Dublin South-East	56,202	27,871	49.59	17,111	10,644	116
Dublin South-West	67,499	36,181	53.60	12,601	23,456	124
Dublin West	52,173	28,421	54.47	13,573	14,754	94
Dún Laoghaire	84,710	49,810	58.80	31,524	18,149	137
Galway East	80,569	40,124	49.80	18,728	21,230	166
Galway West	85,642	42,844	50.03	19,643	23,011	190
Kerry North	54,787	28,120	51.33	11,306	16,702	112
Kerry South	51,338	27,257	53.09	11,569	15,571	117
Kildare North	71,429	36,815	51.54	20,045	16,653	117
Kildare South	57,145	27,858	48.75	13,470	14,308	80
Laois-Offaly	105,053	56,992	54.25	31,786	24,963	243
Limerick East	76,735	39,444	51.40	18,085	21,191	168
Limerick West	57,847	29,958	51.79	13,318	16,511	129
Longford-Westmeath	81,834	42,065	51.40	19,371	22,502	192
Louth	83,458	44,565	53.40	18,586	25,811	168
Mayo	95,250	48,822	51.26	18,624	30,001	197
Meath East	67,415	34,148	50.65	17,340	16,703	105
Meath West	62,816	32,589	51.88	14,442	18,028	119
Roscommon South-Leitrim	59,728	33,962	56.86	15,429	18,402	131
Sligo North-Leitrim	55,591	29,228	52.58	12,602	16,496	130
Tipperary North	55,941	32,750	58.54	16,235	16,367	148
Tipperary South	53,687	29,756	55.42	13,853	15,755	148
Waterford	72,052	38,474	53.40	17,502	20,812	160
Wexford	101,124	53,369	52.78	23,371	29,793	205
Wicklow	85,918	52,272	60.84	25,936	26,130	206
Total	**3,051,278**	**1,621,037**	**53.13**	**752,451**	**862,415**	**6,171**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2008/2009 which came into force on 15 February 2008. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

38. **Referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon (2009)**

Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 2 October 2009 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was incorporated into the official polling card sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 5.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,214,268 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 594,606. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 15 October 2009 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution

(Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009

Constituency	Electorate*	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	100,885	60,548	60.02	42,499	17,755	294
Cavan-Monaghan	95,270	56,262	59.06	34,740	21,301	221
Clare	78,172	46,827	59.90	33,707	12,898	222
Cork East	84,411	48,521	57.48	31,956	16,387	178
Cork North-Central	65,348	38,939	59.59	21,642	17,136	161
Cork North-West	64,759	39,344	60.75	27,249	11,942	153
Cork South-Central	89,655	54,097	60.34	36,040	17,874	183
Cork South-West	58,657	35,530	60.57	23,764	11,615	151
Donegal North-East	56,935	29,290	51.44	14,156	15,005	129
Donegal South-West	60,340	31,544	52.28	15,623	15,794	127
Dublin Central	56,451	30,088	53.30	18,545	11,396	147
Dublin Mid-West	62,651	34,963	55.81	21,435	13,424	104
Dublin North	83,251	51,059	61.33	36,971	13,895	193
Dublin North-Central	50,946	33,421	65.60	23,692	9,624	105
Dublin North-East	52,499	33,297	63.42	21,045	12,117	135
Dublin North-West	49,813	28,698	57.61	15,734	12,850	114
Dublin South	98,225	58,412	59.47	47,549	10,672	191
Dublin South-Central	80,756	44,810	55.49	25,854	18,742	214
Dublin South-East	54,794	29,970	54.70	23,478	6,365	127
Dublin South-West	68,497	39,510	57.68	23,192	16,178	140
Dublin West	52,649	31,344	59.53	21,429	9,852	63
Dún Laoghaire	76,503	56,728	74.15	45,917	10,651	160
Galway East	80,320	45,051	56.09	30,549	14,306	196
Galway West	86,538	46,910	54.21	31,000	15,732	178
Kerry North	55,511	30,882	55.63	19,543	11,193	146
Kerry South	52,023	30,397	58.43	20,092	10,170	135
Kildare North	73,606	42,174	57.30	32,012	10,002	160
Kildare South	56,177	31,057	55.28	21,586	9,373	98
Laois-Offaly	107,303	63,979	59.62	46,624	17,097	258
Limerick East	77,854	44,998	57.80	30,210	14,607	181
Limerick West	58,206	33,831	58.12	23,366	10,343	122
Longford-Westmeath	82,445	47,232	57.29	30,870	16,156	206
Louth	84,360	49,604	58.80	30,116	19,241	247
Mayo	95,466	55,392	58.02	34,056	21,132	204
Meath East	68,869	38,627	56.09	27,822	10,653	152
Meath West	64,530	35,739	55.38	23,103	12,504	132
Roscommon South-Leitrim	59,871	38,930	65.02	25,580	13,194	156
Sligo North-Leitrim	56,286	33,173	58.94	21,295	11,744	134
Tipperary North	56,475	36,758	65.09	25,768	10,846	144
Tipperary South	54,623	33,379	61.11	22,712	10,483	184
Waterford	72,376	45,083	62.29	30,744	14,116	223
Wexford	103,412	60,756	58.75	39,463	21,067	226
Wicklow	90,314	58,944	65.27	41,540	17,174	230
Total	**3,078,032**	**1,816,098**	**59.00**	**1,214,268**	**594,606**	**7,224**

*The figures for the electorate are based on the register of electors for 2009/2010 which came into force on 15 February 2009. The figures do not include persons added to the register by way of the supplement to the register.

39. **Referendum on Judges' Remuneration (2011)**

Twenty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Judges' Remuneration) Bill 2011

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 27 October 2011 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on the Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries took place on the same day. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was incorporated into the official polling card sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 6.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,393,877 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 354,134. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 17 November 2011 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Twenty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Judges' Remuneration) Bill 2011

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	106,810	59,274	55.49	47,454	10,332	1,488
Cavan-Monaghan	98,952	58,425	59.04	45,487	11,195	1,743
Clare	81,419	47,183	57.95	37,196	8,749	1,238
Cork East	82,731	45,320	54.78	35,949	8,339	1,032
Cork North-Central	75,622	41,550	54.94	32,629	8,071	850
Cork North-West	62,113	37,637	60.59	29,601	7,195	841
Cork South-Central	91,716	53,572	58.41	42,116	10,510	946
Cork South-West	60,248	35,794	59.41	28,425	6,429	940
Donegal North-East	58,579	28,501	48.65	20,583	7,167	751
Donegal South-West	64,158	30,958	48.25	22,849	7,144	965
Dublin Central	54,500	28,125	51.61	21,191	6,508	426
Dublin Mid-West	64,370	34,059	52.91	27,242	6,395	422
Dublin North	69,347	39,692	57.24	31,725	7,460	507
Dublin North-Central	51,929	33,172	63.88	25,962	6,735	475
Dublin North-East	57,627	34,401	59.70	27,070	6,930	401
Dublin North-West	50,410	25,290	50.17	19,736	5,165	389
Dublin South	104,145	64,412	61.85	50,100	13,629	683
Dublin South-Central	77,688	41,396	53.28	31,326	9,387	683
Dublin South-East	55,533	30,619	55.14	21,633	8,618	368
Dublin South-West	69,977	36,627	52.34	29,001	7,088	538
Dublin West	61,583	36,267	58.89	28,714	7,154	399
Dún Laoghaire	82,033	49,087	59.84	36,631	11,825	631
Galway East	81,896	46,942	57.32	36,892	8,638	1,412
Galway West	94,700	50,536	53.36	38,812	10,455	1,269
Kerry North - West Limerick	63,068	34,415	54.57	26,728	6,721	966
Kerry South	57,776	31,827	55.09	24,693	6,201	933
Kildare North	76,623	43,426	56.67	34,587	8,257	582
Kildare South	57,933	31,236	53.92	24,779	5,873	584
Laois-Offaly	107,023	59,202	55.32	46,640	11,090	1,472
Limerick	66,345	36,755	55.40	28,783	6,975	997
Limerick City	66,421	34,614	52.11	27,685	6,277	652
Longford-Westmeath	85,911	45,390	52.83	35,199	9,003	1,188
Louth	102,941	57,993	56.34	45,117	11,774	1,102
Mayo	97,714	53,553	54.81	42,678	9,372	1,503
Meath East	65,477	35,367	54.01	28,221	6,553	593
Meath West	63,111	32,977	52.25	25,845	6,469	663
Roscommon-South Leitrim	60,416	36,338	60.15	27,678	7,665	995
Sligo-North Leitrim	62,152	34,168	54.97	26,321	7,041	806
Tipperary North	62,603	38,234	61.07	29,975	7,129	1,130
Tipperary South	56,295	32,567	57.85	25,498	6,147	922
Waterford	78,960	42,706	54.09	33,453	8,249	1,004
Wexford	108,490	58,442	53.87	46,783	10,388	1,271
Wicklow	93,812	57,658	61.46	44,890	11,832	936
Total	**3,191,157**	**1,785,707**	**55.96**	**1,393,877**	**354,134**	**37,696**

40. **<u>Referendum on Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries (2011)</u>**

Thirtieth Amendment of the Constitution (Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries) Bill 2011

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 27 October 2011 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on Judges' Remuneration took place on the same day. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was incorporated into the official polling card sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 7.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 812,008 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 928,175. The proposal was not therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirtieth Amendment of the Constitution

(Houses of the Oireachtas Inquiries) Bill 2011

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	106,810	59,264	55.49	28,339	29,113	1,812
Cavan-Monaghan	98,952	58,416	59.03	27,542	28,789	2,085
Clare	81,419	47,153	57.91	22,273	23,422	1,458
Cork East	82,731	45,324	54.78	20,966	23,141	1,217
Cork North-Central	75,622	41,532	54.92	18,830	21,780	922
Cork North-West	62,113	37,620	60.57	17,232	19,287	1,101
Cork South-Central	91,716	53,551	58.39	23,459	29,028	1,064
Cork South-West	60,248	35,777	59.38	16,924	17,798	1,055
Donegal North-East	58,579	28,477	48.61	11,253	16,330	894
Donegal South-West	64,158	30,943	48.23	12,569	17,268	1,106
Dublin Central	54,500	28,124	51.60	12,818	14,808	498
Dublin Mid-West	64,370	34,057	52.91	15,942	17,623	492
Dublin North	69,347	39,665	57.20	18,294	20,788	583
Dublin North-Central	51,929	33,152	63.84	14,226	18,416	510
Dublin North-East	57,627	34,391	59.68	15,404	18,435	552
Dublin North-West	50,410	25,280	50.15	11,819	12,967	494
Dublin South	104,145	64,361	61.80	27,758	35,744	859
Dublin South-Central	77,688	41,373	53.26	18,420	22,142	811
Dublin South-East	55,533	30,589	55.08	11,177	18,912	500
Dublin South-West	69,977	36,610	52.32	17,432	18,541	637
Dublin West	61,583	36,266	58.89	16,322	19,467	477
Dún Laoghaire	82,033	49,078	59.83	20,094	28,151	833
Galway East	81,896	46,903	57.27	22,003	23,207	1,693
Galway West	94,700	50,515	53.34	22,529	26,442	1,544
Kerry North - West Limerick	63,068	34,403	54.55	15,892	17,338	1,173
Kerry South	57,776	31,826	55.09	14,495	16,171	1,160
Kildare North	76,623	43,413	56.66	19,389	23,284	740
Kildare South	57,933	31,220	53.89	14,940	15,567	713
Laois-Offaly	107,023	59,207	55.32	27,149	30,324	1,734
Limerick	66,345	36,728	55.36	17,166	18,413	1,149
Limerick City	66,421	34,591	52.08	16,820	16,942	829
Longford-Westmeath	85,911	45,367	52.81	20,304	23,711	1,352
Louth	102,941	57,967	56.31	27,089	29,583	1,295
Mayo	97,714	53,531	54.78	26,091	25,658	1,782
Meath East	65,477	35,360	54.00	16,453	18,158	749
Meath West	63,111	32,952	52.21	15,021	17,123	808
Roscommon-South Leitrim	60,416	36,308	60.10	15,547	19,565	1,196
Sligo-North Leitrim	62,152	34,168	54.97	15,353	17,818	997
Tipperary North	62,603	38,228	61.06	17,276	19,653	1,299
Tipperary South	56,295	32,558	57.83	15,316	16,195	1,047
Waterford	78,960	42,688	54.06	20,010	21,549	1,129
Wexford	108,490	58,456	53.88	28,517	28,397	1,542
Wicklow	93,812	57,816	61.63	25,555	31,127	1,134
Total	**3,191,157**	**1,785,208**	**55.94**	**812,008**	**928,175**	**45,025**

41. **Referendum on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union (2012)**

Thirtieth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union) Bill 2012

Polling at the referendum took place on Thursday, 31 May 2012 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> "**THE THIRTIETH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (TREATY ON STABILITY, COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION) BILL 2012** proposes to insert the following subsection after subsection 9° of Article 29.4 of the Constitution:
>
> "10° The State may ratify the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union done at Brussels on the 2nd day of March 2012. No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State that are necessitated by the obligations of the State under that Treaty or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by bodies competent under that Treaty from having the force of law in the State.".

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 955,091 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 629,088. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 27 June 2012 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirtieth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union) Bill 2012

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	102,643	52,325	50.98	32,920	19,098	307
Cavan-Monaghan	97,803	47,689	48.76	27,296	20,106	287
Clare	80,102	39,900	49.81	26,121	13,616	163
Cork East	81,692	40,198	49.21	24,212	15,797	189
Cork North-Central	74,257	38,234	51.49	19,798	18,275	161
Cork North-West	61,672	32,013	51.91	20,894	10,961	158
Cork South-Central	89,844	48,032	53.46	29,730	18,090	212
Cork South-West	59,852	30,852	51.55	20,350	10,360	142
Donegal North-East	58,387	24,869	42.59	10,975	13,758	136
Donegal South-West	63,127	26,465	41.92	11,862	14,466	137
Dublin Central	55,092	26,611	48.30	14,183	12,312	116
Dublin Mid-West	64,445	33,275	51.63	16,590	16,585	100
Dublin North	69,533	36,798	52.92	22,153	14,507	138
Dublin North-Central	52,799	31,024	58.76	19,250	11,660	114
Dublin North-East	57,175	32,689	57.17	18,890	13,679	120
Dublin North-West	48,352	25,072	51.85	11,682	13,302	88
Dublin South	101,451	57,896	57.07	43,735	13,931	230
Dublin South-Central	77,869	40,280	51.73	19,706	20,428	146
Dublin South-East	56,037	27,369	48.84	19,682	7,539	148
Dublin South-West	69,872	35,665	51.04	17,531	18,028	106
Dublin West	61,762	31,901	51.65	18,503	13,300	98
Dún Laoghaire	78,655	44,966	57.17	33,242	11,554	170
Galway East	81,587	38,157	46.77	24,015	13,955	187
Galway West	87,456	42,143	48.19	24,282	17,645	216
Kerry North - West Limerick	62,271	29,365	47.16	17,800	11,403	162
Kerry South	57,146	27,576	48.26	17,727	9,685	164
Kildare North	75,513	38,688	51.23	25,169	13,384	135
Kildare South	57,790	28,669	49.61	16,678	11,902	89
Laois-Offaly	106,297	51,654	48.59	30,655	20,741	258
Limerick	64,419	31,133	48.33	20,459	10,491	183
Limerick City	64,241	31,342	48.79	18,933	12,262	147
Longford-Westmeath	85,159	39,805	46.74	23,886	15,723	196
Louth	99,008	51,656	52.17	27,114	24,289	253
Mayo	96,158	45,922	47.76	30,738	14,977	207
Meath East	64,178	31,433	48.98	19,613	11,697	123
Meath West	62,232	29,609	47.58	16,661	12,785	163
Roscommon-South Leitrim	59,020	30,689	52.00	18,562	11,991	136
Sligo-North Leitrim	61,892	29,705	47.99	17,828	11,728	149
Tipperary North	62,044	33,486	53.97	21,819	11,454	213
Tipperary South	55,717	29,508	52.96	17,797	11,546	165
Waterford	76,993	39,352	51.11	22,585	16,585	182
Wexford	110,302	53,932	48.89	31,039	22,654	239
Wicklow	92,984	53,438	57.47	32,426	20,839	173
Total	**3,144,828**	**1,591,385**	**50.60**	**955,091**	**629,088**	**7,206**

42. **Referendum on Children (2012)**

Thirty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012

Polling at the referendum took place on Saturday, 10 November 2012 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. The prescribed statement for the information of voters on the subject matter of the referendum, which was incorporated into the official polling card sent to each elector, is given at Appendix 8.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 615,731 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 445,863.

The Provisional Referendum Certificate, stating the result of the voting and published in Iris Oifigiúil on 13 November 2012, was the subject of a petition which was dismissed. The certificate was confirmed by the High Court on 24 April 2015.

The Thirty-First Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012 was signed into law on 28 April 2015.

Referendum on the Thirty-first Amendment of the Constitution (Children) Bill 2012

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	103,243	35,120	34.02	20,687	14,270	163
Cavan-Monaghan	103,024	28,358	27.53	15,193	13,016	149
Clare	79,905	25,808	32.30	15,868	9,846	94
Cork East	81,483	27,477	33.72	15,351	12,006	120
Cork North-Central	74,599	24,925	33.41	12,428	12,381	116
Cork North-West	61,513	21,598	35.11	12,354	9,152	92
Cork South-Central	90,457	32,776	36.23	19,424	13,211	141
Cork South-West	59,659	20,924	35.07	11,778	9,038	108
Donegal North-East	58,503	14,316	24.47	5,749	8,504	63
Donegal South-West	63,229	15,056	23.81	6,523	8,463	70
Dublin Central	57,008	18,484	32.42	10,800	7,615	69
Dublin Mid-West	64,657	22,805	35.27	12,550	10,183	72
Dublin North	69,880	24,873	35.59	16,066	8,717	90
Dublin North-Central	54,042	22,714	42.03	14,328	8,304	82
Dublin North-East	58,355	22,675	38.86	13,569	9,009	97
Dublin North-West	48,352	17,444	36.08	8,607	8,744	93
Dublin South	102,508	41,944	40.92	30,528	11,276	140
Dublin South-Central	79,599	27,551	34.61	15,057	12,375	119
Dublin South-East	57,346	19,178	33.44	13,717	5,368	93
Dublin South-West	70,003	25,154	35.93	12,997	12,029	128
Dublin West	62,066	22,008	35.46	13,338	8,586	84
Dún Laoghaire	79,660	33,091	41.54	23,593	9,370	128
Galway East	83,945	24,847	29.60	14,606	10,143	98
Galway West	95,035	26,573	27.96	16,456	9,999	118
Kerry North - West Limerick	62,684	18,322	29.23	9,778	8,449	95
Kerry South	57,294	16,872	29.45	9,570	7,202	100
Kildare North	76,974	26,970	35.04	17,807	9,062	101
Kildare South	58,319	19,477	33.40	11,213	8,190	74
Laois-Offaly	108,495	34,715	32.00	18,563	16,029	123
Limerick	66,230	20,063	30.29	11,784	8,185	94
Limerick City	66,204	20,933	31.62	12,701	8,124	108
Longford-Westmeath	85,600	26,162	30.56	14,288	11,748	126
Louth	101,794	33,028	32.45	17,453	15,423	152
Mayo	95,890	30,794	32.11	16,252	14,407	135
Meath East	64,897	21,085	32.49	12,563	8,445	77
Meath West	63,274	19,877	31.41	10,532	9,244	101
Roscommon-South Leitrim	61,117	20,662	33.81	10,889	9,688	85
Sligo-North Leitrim	61,270	19,217	31.36	10,754	8,364	99
Tipperary North	62,106	23,117	37.22	12,818	10,173	126
Tipperary South	55,773	19,623	35.18	10,581	8,951	91
Waterford	75,470	26,463	35.06	14,722	11,593	148
Wexford	107,268	35,490	33.09	19,382	15,966	142
Wicklow	94,956	37,670	39.67	22,514	15,015	141
Total	**3,183,686**	**1,066,239**	**33.49**	**615,731**	**445,863**	**4,645**

43. **<u>Referendum on Abolition of Seanad Éireann (2013)</u>**

Thirty-second Amendment of the Constitution (Abolition of Seanad Éireann) Bill 2013

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 4 October 2013 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on the court of appeal (Twenty-third Amendment of the Constitution (Court of Appeal) Bill 2013) also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **"THE THIRTY-SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (ABOLITION OF SEANAD ÉIREANN) BILL 2013**:
>
> You are being asked if you agree with the proposal to amend the Constitution to abolish Seanad Éireann, to provide that from the date of such abolition the Oireachtas shall consist of the President and Dáil Éireann, and to amend other provisions of the Constitution that confer functions on Seanad Éireann or that are premised on the existence of Seanad Éireann."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 591,937 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 634,437. The proposal was not therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-second Amendment of the Constitution (Abolition of Seanad Éireann) Bill 2013

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	111,304	41,447	37.24	20,247	20,680	520
Cavan-Monaghan	100,434	34,637	34.49	18,705	15,382	550
Clare	79,295	30,572	38.55	15,480	14,676	416
Cork East	81,534	31,810	39.01	15,251	16,129	430
Cork North-Central	74,828	28,919	38.65	14,806	13,755	358
Cork North-West	62,118	26,133	42.07	12,896	12,924	313
Cork South-Central	90,662	38,386	42.34	18,507	19,470	409
Cork South-West	59,813	25,383	42.44	12,770	12,300	313
Donegal North-East	58,032	16,972	29.25	8,097	8,663	212
Donegal South-West	61,656	18,792	30.48	9,195	9,351	246
Dublin Central	55,018	20,323	36.94	8,458	11,625	240
Dublin Mid-West	65,093	24,866	38.20	11,155	13,469	242
Dublin North	69,488	28,257	40.66	12,695	15,311	251
Dublin North-Central	53,884	25,987	48.23	11,663	14,121	203
Dublin North-East	58,444	25,513	43.65	11,497	13,811	205
Dublin North-West	50,943	18,517	36.35	8,282	9,997	238
Dublin South	101,884	46,855	45.99	21,756	24,743	356
Dublin South-Central	79,173	30,201	38.15	12,976	16,896	329
Dublin South-East	55,442	22,505	40.59	8,629	13,683	193
Dublin South-West	69,879	26,534	37.97	12,532	13,749	253
Dublin West	62,192	24,241	38.98	10,213	13,865	163
Dún Laoghaire	79,207	36,601	46.21	15,568	20,724	309
Galway East	82,588	29,832	36.12	15,080	14,274	478
Galway West	91,994	32,832	35.69	16,009	16,436	387
Kerry North - West Limerick	61,998	23,001	37.10	12,205	10,465	331
Kerry South	56,532	22,178	39.23	11,935	9,973	270
Kildare North	75,043	30,863	41.13	13,890	16,712	261
Kildare South	57,454	21,903	38.12	9,649	12,041	213
Laois-Offaly	106,057	39,616	37.35	18,062	21,108	446
Limerick	65,186	25,036	38.41	12,454	12,233	349
Limerick City	64,909	24,669	38.01	12,831	11,509	329
Longford-Westmeath	85,791	31,622	36.86	15,911	15,273	438
Louth	102,088	38,738	37.95	18,278	20,067	393
Mayo	94,860	36,030	37.98	20,440	15,133	457
Meath East	64,440	24,089	37.38	11,335	12,569	185
Meath West	62,891	22,533	35.83	10,325	11,934	274
Roscommon-South Leitrim	59,006	25,375	43.00	12,952	12,114	309
Sligo-North Leitrim	60,228	23,975	39.81	11,988	11,631	356
Tipperary North	62,233	26,620	42.77	13,202	13,001	417
Tipperary South	56,060	23,386	41.72	11,631	11,444	311
Waterford	76,442	31,107	40.69	14,270	16,391	446
Wexford	106,329	41,158	38.71	20,255	20,324	579
Wicklow	94,932	42,715	45.00	17,857	24,481	377
Total	**3,167,384**	**1,240,729**	**39.17**	**591,937**	**634,437**	**14,355**

44. **Referendum on Court of Appeal (2013)**

Thirty-third Amendment of the Constitution (Court of Appeal) Bill 2013

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 4 October 2013 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on the abolition of Seanad Éireann (Twenty-second Amendment of the Constitution (Abolition of Seanad Éireann) Bill 2013) also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **"THE THIRTY-THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (COURT OF APPEAL) BILL 2013**
>
> You are being asked if you agree with the proposal –
>
> (a) to amend the Constitution for the purpose of establishing a court to be called the Court of Appeal,
>
> (b) as a consequence, to amend other provisions of the Constitution, in particular, the provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the High Court and of other courts, and
>
> (c) to delete subsection 5° of Article 34.4 of the Constitution, known as the "one judgment" rule, relating to decisions of the Supreme Court on a question of whether a law is valid having regard to the provisions of the Constitution."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 795,008 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 425,047. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 1 November 2013 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-third Amendment of the Constitution (Court of Appeal) Bill 2013

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	111,304	41,424	37.22	25,902	14,759	763
Cavan-Monaghan	100,434	34,630	34.48	21,050	12,827	753
Clare	79,295	30,547	38.52	19,385	10,591	571
Cork East	81,534	31,788	38.99	19,367	11,852	569
Cork North-Central	74,828	28,917	38.64	17,811	10,599	507
Cork North-West	62,118	26,132	42.07	16,076	9,571	485
Cork South-Central	90,662	38,356	42.31	24,837	12,986	533
Cork South-West	59,813	25,351	42.38	15,764	9,128	459
Donegal North-East	58,032	16,966	29.24	9,361	7,270	335
Donegal South-West	61,656	18,786	30.47	11,978	6,448	360
Dublin Central	55,018	20,305	36.91	13,431	6,571	303
Dublin Mid-West	65,093	24,857	38.19	16,194	8,363	300
Dublin North	69,488	28,239	40.64	19,258	8,682	299
Dublin North-Central	53,884	25,972	48.20	17,325	8,326	321
Dublin North-East	58,444	25,501	43.63	16,856	8,366	279
Dublin North-West	50,943	18,506	36.33	11,846	6,414	246
Dublin South	101,884	46,821	45.96	33,959	12,334	528
Dublin South-Central	79,173	30,178	38.12	19,740	10,055	383
Dublin South-East	55,442	22,478	40.54	17,020	5,195	263
Dublin South-West	69,879	26,519	37.95	17,541	8,700	278
Dublin West	62,192	24,234	38.97	16,266	7,728	240
Dún Laoghaire	79,207	36,562	46.16	26,209	9,899	454
Galway East	82,588	29,812	36.10	18,269	10,907	636
Galway West	91,994	32,806	35.66	21,373	10,806	627
Kerry North - West Limerick	61,998	22,995	37.09	13,831	8,663	501
Kerry South	56,532	22,158	39.20	13,602	8,090	466
Kildare North	75,043	30,851	41.11	20,295	10,175	381
Kildare South	57,454	21,899	38.12	13,636	7,959	304
Laois-Offaly	106,057	39,600	37.34	24,416	14,584	600
Limerick	65,186	25,026	38.39	15,062	9,468	496
Limerick City	64,909	24,645	37.97	16,061	8,178	406
Longford-Westmeath	85,791	31,602	36.84	19,146	11,839	617
Louth	102,088	38,720	37.93	24,372	13,783	565
Mayo	94,860	36,023	37.97	23,596	11,713	714
Meath East	64,440	24,070	37.35	15,466	8,324	280
Meath West	62,891	22,526	35.82	13,785	8,372	369
Roscommon-South Leitrim	59,006	25,333	42.93	15,197	9,623	513
Sligo-North Leitrim	60,228	23,960	39.78	14,631	8,839	490
Tipperary North	62,233	26,608	42.76	16,571	9,502	535
Tipperary South	56,060	23,375	41.70	15,262	7,673	440
Waterford	76,442	31,092	40.67	18,825	11,697	570
Wexford	106,329	41,157	38.71	26,478	13,924	755
Wicklow	94,932	42,808	45.09	27,958	14,264	586
Total	**3,167,384**	**1,240,135**	**39.15**	**795,008**	**425,047**	**20,080**

45. **Referendum on Marriage Equality (2015)**

Thirty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution (Marriage Equality) Bill 2015

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 22 May 2015 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **THE THIRTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (MARRIAGE EQUALITY) BILL 2015** – White Ballot Paper.
>
> You are being asked in this referendum if you agree with the proposal to amend Article 41 of the Constitution to provide that two persons may marry without distinction as to their sex. Marriage will continue to be regulated by legislation and the common law.
>
> The Thirty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution (Marriage Equality) Bill 2015 proposes to insert the following section after section 3 of Article 41 of the Constitution:
>
> "4. Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,201,607 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 734,300. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 29 August 2015 and promulgated as a law.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution (Marriage Equality) Bill 2015

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	104,735	68,531	65.43	38,166	29,697	668
Cavan-Monaghan	99,265	56,774	57.19	28,494	27,763	517
Clare	81,809	48,627	59.44	28,137	20,154	336
Cork East	81,271	49,532	60.95	30,383	18,845	304
Cork North-Central	75,263	45,059	59.87	28,479	16,182	398
Cork North-West	62,143	38,997	62.75	22,388	16,298	311
Cork South-Central	92,422	59,018	63.86	38,591	20,072	355
Cork South-West	60,141	37,107	61.70	20,627	16,225	255
Donegal North-East	59,721	30,723	51.44	16,040	14,492	191
Donegal South-West	62,171	32,051	51.55	15,907	15,874	270
Dublin Central	57,193	33,163	57.98	23,861	9,108	194
Dublin Mid-West	67,091	42,528	63.39	29,984	12,291	253
Dublin North	72,523	47,743	65.83	34,494	13,009	240
Dublin North-Central	53,785	37,032	68.85	25,382	11,431	219
Dublin North-East	59,549	39,526	66.38	26,222	13,090	214
Dublin North-West	51,207	30,538	59.64	21,395	8,925	218
Dublin South	103,969	70,543	67.85	49,109	21,150	284
Dublin South-Central	80,406	48,690	60.56	34,988	13,418	284
Dublin South-East	59,376	34,452	58.02	25,655	8,594	203
Dublin South-West	71,232	45,169	63.41	32,010	12,901	258
Dublin West	65,643	42,250	64.36	29,690	12,350	210
Dún Laoghaire	80,176	53,762	67.05	38,284	15,168	310
Galway East	85,900	48,110	56.01	25,389	22,265	456
Galway West	95,180	52,521	55.18	32,037	20,053	431
Kerry North - West Limerick	62,523	35,769	57.21	19,678	15,808	283
Kerry South	57,524	33,476	58.19	18,357	14,831	288
Kildare North	79,014	49,029	62.05	33,960	14,782	287
Kildare South	60,384	35,272	58.41	23,199	11,861	212
Laois-Offaly	108,436	63,297	58.37	35,685	27,135	477
Limerick	64,100	37,504	58.51	20,322	16,797	385
Limerick City	61,421	38,881	63.30	24,789	13,855	237
Longford-Westmeath	87,425	47,879	54.77	25,445	22,025	409
Louth	102,561	61,450	59.92	38,758	22,313	379
Mayo	97,296	55,929	57.48	28,801	26,566	562
Meath East	64,956	38,767	59.68	24,525	14,025	217
Meath West	63,649	35,821	56.28	21,374	14,189	258
Roscommon-South Leitrim	59,392	36,522	61.49	17,615	18,644	263
Sligo-North Leitrim	62,031	35,842	57.78	19,043	16,502	297
Tipperary North	65,118	40,725	62.54	22,077	18,298	350
Tipperary South	58,262	34,539	59.28	19,203	15,012	324
Waterford	79,669	47,297	59.37	28,313	18,620	364
Wexford	111,474	64,450	57.82	40,692	23,298	460
Wicklow	94,275	64,830	68.77	44,059	20,384	387
Total	**3,221,681**	**1,949,725**	**60.52**	**1,201,607**	**734,300**	**13,818**

46. **Referendum on Presidential Candidate Age (2015)**

Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President) Bill 2015

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 22 May 2015 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. A referendum on Marriage Equality also took place on the same day.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

> **"THE THIRTY-FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT) BILL 2015 – GREEN BALLOT PAPER**:
>
> You are being asked in this referendum if you agree with the proposal to amend Article 12.4.1° of the Constitution to reduce the age at which a citizen becomes eligible for election to the office of President from 35 years (the present position) to 21 years."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 520,898 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 1,412,602. The proposal was not therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President) Bill 2015

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	104,735	68,538	65.44	17,507	50,738	293
Cavan-Monaghan	99,265	56,766	57.19	14,167	41,997	602
Clare	81,809	48,615	59.43	11,576	36,633	406
Cork East	81,271	49,517	60.93	12,290	36,808	419
Cork North-Central	75,263	45,063	59.87	11,980	32,625	458
Cork North-West	62,143	39,003	62.76	8,860	29,822	321
Cork South-Central	92,422	59,008	63.85	15,789	42,799	420
Cork South-West	60,141	37,104	61.70	8,733	28,091	280
Donegal North-East	59,721	30,728	51.45	8,678	21,797	253
Donegal South-West	62,171	32,051	51.55	8,895	22,857	299
Dublin Central	57,193	33,142	57.95	12,012	20,796	334
Dublin Mid-West	67,091	42,529	63.39	12,096	30,089	344
Dublin North	72,523	47,728	65.81	14,069	33,358	301
Dublin North-Central	53,785	37,022	68.83	10,878	25,915	229
Dublin North-East	59,549	39,523	66.37	11,583	27,664	276
Dublin North-West	51,207	30,523	59.61	9,363	20,857	303
Dublin South	103,969	70,523	67.83	22,788	47,349	386
Dublin South-Central	80,406	48,692	60.56	16,560	31,753	379
Dublin South-East	59,376	34,427	57.98	12,848	21,307	272
Dublin South-West	71,232	45,168	63.41	13,437	31,387	344
Dublin West	65,643	42,255	64.37	12,279	29,742	234
Dún Laoghaire	80,176	53,742	67.03	16,690	36,633	419
Galway East	85,900	48,102	56.00	10,673	36,901	528
Galway West	95,180	52,502	55.16	13,948	38,080	474
Kerry North - West Limerick	62,523	35,762	57.20	8,244	27,178	340
Kerry South	57,524	33,463	58.17	7,280	25,863	320
Kildare North	79,014	49,032	62.05	13,259	35,459	314
Kildare South	60,384	35,266	58.40	9,151	25,880	235
Laois-Offaly	108,436	63,290	58.37	14,951	47,793	546
Limerick	64,100	37,498	58.50	8,495	28,621	382
Limerick City	61,421	38,877	63.30	10,719	27,865	293
Longford-Westmeath	87,425	47,863	54.75	11,508	35,898	457
Louth	102,561	61,441	59.91	16,219	44,754	468
Mayo	97,296	55,932	57.49	13,167	42,231	534
Meath East	64,956	38,768	59.68	9,790	28,756	222
Meath West	63,649	35,814	56.27	8,794	26,706	314
Roscommon-South Leitrim	59,392	36,518	61.49	8,143	28,055	320
Sligo-North Leitrim	62,031	35,844	57.78	8,859	26,633	352
Tipperary North	65,118	40,720	62.53	9,306	31,040	374
Tipperary South	58,262	34,532	59.27	7,815	26,379	338
Waterford	79,669	47,284	59.35	12,251	34,534	499
Wexford	111,474	64,435	57.80	16,430	47,424	581
Wicklow	94,275	64,828	68.76	18,818	45,535	475
Total	**3,221,681**	**1,949,438**	**60.51**	**520,898**	**1,412,602**	**15,938**

47. Referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 25 May 2018 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

THE THIRTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL 2018

You are being asked if you agree with the proposal -

(i) to delete the following subsection from Article 40.3 of the Constitution:

> "3° The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.
>
> This subsection shall not limit freedom to travel between the State and another state.
>
> This subsection shall not limit freedom to obtain or make available, in the State, subject to such conditions as may be laid down by law, information relating to services lawfully available in another state.",

and

(ii) to substitute that subsection with the following:

> "3° Provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,429,981 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 723,632. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 18 September 2018.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	112,704	69,860	61.99	44,211	25,418	231
Cavan-Monaghan	91,602	58,067	63.39	32,115	25,789	163
Clare	83,225	53,576	64.37	34,328	19,079	169
Cork East	85,643	54,639	63.80	34,941	19,550	148
Cork North-Central	84,412	52,713	62.45	33,639	18,908	166
Cork North-West	68,830	45,379	65.93	27,194	18,054	131
Cork South-Central	87,524	58,407	66.73	40,071	18,138	198
Cork South-West	60,356	40,648	67.35	26,147	14,387	114
Donegal	118,901	67,839	57.06	32,559	35,091	189
Dublin Bay North	108,209	77,481	71.60	57,754	19,573	154
Dublin Bay South	78,892	43,343	54.94	33,919	9,298	126
Dublin Central	48,002	24,732	51.52	18,863	5,790	79
Dublin Fingal	95,926	67,519	70.39	51,840	15,523	156
Dublin Mid-West	71,558	48,157	67.30	35,192	12,838	127
Dublin North-West	62,270	39,079	62.76	28,477	10,489	113
Dublin Rathdown	64,887	45,491	70.11	34,529	10,845	117
Dublin South-Central	76,914	45,843	59.60	34,201	11,530	112
Dublin South-West	106,588	73,096	68.58	54,642	18,301	153
Dublin West	67,138	45,502	67.77	33,595	11,794	113
Dún Laoghaire	95,372	65,348	68.52	50,243	14,953	152
Galway East	69,631	44,192	63.47	26,525	17,546	121
Galway West	107,726	64,529	59.90	42,422	21,906	201
Kerry	111,108	69,345	62.41	40,285	28,851	209
Kildare North	85,587	54,571	63.76	40,058	14,399	114
Kildare South	63,190	38,758	61.34	27,307	11,339	112
Laois	63,860	39,602	62.01	24,232	15,264	106
Limerick City	77,836	48,263	62.01	32,169	15,941	153
Limerick County	67,592	42,214	62.45	24,448	17,644	122
Longford-Westmeath	89,665	53,172	59.30	30,876	22,113	183
Louth	106,184	69,968	65.89	46,429	23,333	206
Mayo	91,377	56,735	62.09	32,287	24,287	161
Meath East	67,755	44,456	65.61	30,686	13,652	118
Meath West	65,651	41,319	62.94	26,343	14,850	126
Offaly	66,120	42,788	64.71	24,781	17,908	99
Roscommon-Galway	63,158	41,497	65.70	23,677	17,709	111
Sligo-Leitrim	95,954	58,604	61.08	34,685	23,730	189
Tipperary	113,546	72,485	63.84	42,731	29,516	238
Waterford	83,107	53,435	64.30	37,016	16,296	123
Wexford	110,494	73,220	66.27	49,935	23,069	216
Wicklow	99,062	73,783	74.48	54,629	18,931	223
Total	**3,367,556**	**2,159,655**	**64.13**	**1,429,981**	**723,632**	**6,042**

48. **Referendum on the Thirty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Repeal of offence of publication or utterance of blasphemous matter) Bill 2018**

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 26 October 2018 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (REPEAL OF OFFENCE OF PUBLICATION OR UTTERANCE OF BLASPHEMOUS MATTER) BILL 2018 – printed on GREEN Paper

You are being asked in this referendum if you agree with the proposal to amend Article 40 of the Constitution to repeal the offence of publication or utterance of blasphemous matter.

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 951,650 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 515,808. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 27th November 2018.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution (Repeal of offence of publication or utterance of blasphemous matter) Bill 2018

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	108,863	49,973	45.90	30,438	18,699	836
Cavan-Monaghan	91,692	38,303	41.77	21,045	16,462	796
Clare	83,044	41,776	50.31	25,386	15,635	755
Cork East	86,180	38,375	44.53	23,751	14,046	578
Cork North-Central	84,919	35,287	41.55	22,379	12,452	456
Cork North-West	68,820	34,506	50.14	20,086	13,708	712
Cork South-Central	88,074	40,403	45.87	27,381	12,588	434
Cork South-West	63,897	30,879	48.33	18,800	11,404	675
Donegal	119,318	40,187	33.68	20,312	19,108	767
Dublin Bay North	114,597	51,060	44.56	36,649	13,930	481
Dublin Bay South	80,146	29,405	36.69	22,329	6,866	210
Dublin Central	48,588	15,426	31.75	11,359	3,908	159
Dublin Fingal	96,612	43,204	44.72	31,645	11,267	292
Dublin Mid-West	72,006	29,345	40.75	20,449	8,632	264
Dublin North-West	62,726	23,827	37.99	16,722	6,907	198
Dublin Rathdown	65,918	31,933	48.44	23,510	8,182	241
Dublin South-Central	73,567	28,047	38.12	20,214	7,562	271
Dublin South-West	107,134	45,760	42.71	32,651	12,853	256
Dublin West	67,625	28,609	42.31	20,261	8,092	256
Dún Laoghaire	96,825	45,395	46.88	33,988	11,095	312
Galway East	70,302	34,040	48.42	20,248	12,981	811
Galway West	109,523	47,903	43.74	30,917	16,063	923
Kerry	111,777	50,434	45.12	28,373	20,873	1,188
Kildare North	86,305	38,090	44.13	27,399	10,284	407
Kildare South	63,929	26,249	41.06	17,374	8,510	365
Laois	64,139	27,858	43.43	16,314	11,060	484
Limerick City	79,647	33,134	41.60	21,702	10,948	484
Limerick County	68,740	31,984	46.53	18,450	12,880	654
Longford-Westmeath	92,354	38,283	41.45	22,637	15,008	638
Louth	110,256	45,517	41.28	29,532	15,451	534
Mayo	91,412	41,965	45.91	23,305	17,630	1,030
Meath East	68,591	29,818	43.47	19,671	9,798	349
Meath West	66,848	27,144	40.61	16,768	9,988	388
Offaly	66,208	30,026	45.35	16,919	12,544	563
Roscommon-Galway	64,857	31,910	49.20	17,466	13,709	735
Sligo-Leitrim	96,653	42,521	43.99	23,380	18,297	844
Tipperary	114,433	55,271	48.30	32,209	21,985	1,077
Waterford	83,359	36,079	43.28	23,517	12,016	546
Wexford	111,897	49,149	43.92	31,085	17,315	749
Wicklow	99,871	50,619	50.68	35,029	15,072	518
Total	**3,401,652**	**1,489,694**	**43.79**	**951,650**	**515,808**	**22,236**

49. **Referendum on the Thirty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Dissolution of Marriage) Bill 2016**

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 24 May 2019 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Elections to the European Parliament and to local authorities took place on the same day. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE) BILL 2016 – printed on GREEN Paper

You are being asked, in this referendum, if you agree with the proposal -

(a) to delete the following paragraph from Article 41.3.2° of the Constitution:

"i at the date of the institution of the proceedings, the spouses have lived apart from one another for a period of, or periods amounting to, at least four years during the previous five years,", and

(b) to delete the following subsection from Article 41.3 of the Constitution:

"3° No person whose marriage has been dissolved under the civil law of any other State but is a subsisting valid marriage under the law for the time being in force within the jurisdiction of the Government and Parliament established by this Constitution shall be capable of contracting a valid marriage within that jurisdiction during the lifetime of the other party to the marriage so dissolved.",

and to substitute that subsection with the following:

"3° Provision may be made by law for the recognition under the law of the State of a dissolution of marriage granted under the civil law of another state.".

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 1,384,192 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 302,319. As the proposal was duly approved by the people, the Bill was signed by the President on 11 June 2019.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Dissolution of Marriage) Bill 2016

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow	44,440	21,486	48.35	16,668	4,220	598
Cavan	56,466	32,031	56.73	24,108	6,811	1,112
Clare	88,273	49,704	56.31	39,747	8,551	1,406
Cork City	142,627	67,235	47.14	54,200	12,119	916
Cork County	260,527	131,649	50.53	104,043	24,246	3,360
Donegal	127,840	71,381	55.84	52,979	15,869	2,533
Dublin City	354,447	138,549	39.09	116,783	20,064	1,702
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	157,366	77,532	49.27	66,529	10,202	801
Fingal	176,889	79,222	44.79	67,745	10,696	781
Galway City	49,249	22,959	46.62	18,568	3,922	469
Galway County	140,475	77,136	54.91	60,675	13,662	2,799
Kerry	111,638	67,297	60.28	52,052	12,630	2,615
Kildare	145,217	68,854	47.41	57,881	9,904	1,069
Kilkenny	72,603	38,735	53.35	30,384	7,323	1,028
Laois	59,129	31,860	53.88	24,759	6,215	886
Leitrim	26,340	17,105	64.94	12,517	3,864	724
Limerick City and County	142,960	73,065	51.11	55,862	15,122	2,081
Longford	30,562	19,324	63.23	14,467	4,180	677
Louth	91,475	44,525	48.67	36,041	7,723	761
Mayo	98,721	61,637	62.44	46,987	12,269	2,381
Meath	141,247	69,343	49.09	56,730	11,423	1,190
Monaghan	47,017	26,787	56.97	19,366	6,441	980
Offaly	57,301	31,056	54.20	24,389	5,785	882
Roscommon	48,654	29,977	61.61	22,605	6,344	1,028
Sligo	54,263	32,836	60.51	25,550	6,239	1,047
South Dublin	184,645	79,622	43.12	67,852	10,991	779
Tipperary	124,856	73,778	59.09	57,073	14,578	2,127
Waterford City and County	82,312	43,998	53.45	34,970	8,033	995
Westmeath	67,590	33,603	49.72	25,998	6,727	878
Wexford	116,660	61,055	52.34	51,289	8,712	1,054
Wicklow	95,847	53,715	56.04	45,375	7,454	886
Total	**3,397,636**	**1,727,056**	**50.83**	**1,384,192**	**302,319**	**40,545**

50. **Referendum on the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023**

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 08 March 2024 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

THE THIRTY-NINTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (THE FAMILY) BILL 2023 – printed on WHITE Paper

You are being asked, in this referendum, if you agree with the proposal –

(a) to amend subsection 1° of Article 41.1 of the Constitution by the insertion of ", whether founded on marriage or on other durable relationships," after "the Family", so that the subsection would provide as follows:

"1° The State recognises the Family, whether founded on marriage or on other durable relationships, as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law."

and

(b) to delete the following subsection from Article 41.3 of the Constitution:

"1° The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack."

and to substitute that subsection with the following:

"1° The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage and to protect it against attack."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 487,564 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 1,021,546. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	117,528	50,176	42.69	14,518	35,028	630
Cavan-Monaghan	108,812	48,763	44.81	10,569	37,649	545
Clare	90,101	39,650	44.01	12,573	26,574	503
Cork East	90,343	38,383	42.49	12,048	25,925	410
Cork North-Central	86,075	36,639	42.57	11,254	24,933	452
Cork North-West	71,326	31,860	44.67	10,447	21,133	280
Cork South-Central	89,739	40,480	45.11	15,504	24,628	348
Cork South-West	67,187	28,741	42.78	10,886	17,555	300
Donegal	123,452	49,363	39.99	9,669	39,181	513
Dublin Bay North	105,369	53,448	50.72	20,401	32,582	465
Dublin Bay South	71,395	27,942	39.14	13,749	13,942	251
Dublin Central	54,330	23,346	42.97	9,689	13,387	270
Dublin Fingal	101,393	47,551	46.90	18,846	28,296	409
Dublin Mid-West	73,673	35,089	47.63	10,031	24,727	331
Dublin North-West	50,999	24,282	47.61	6,901	17,039	342
Dublin Rathdown	65,457	31,008	47.37	15,195	15,566	247
Dublin South-Central	71,834	32,783	45.64	11,103	21,209	471
Dublin South-West	106,405	50,600	47.55	17,223	32,926	451
Dublin West	70,483	32,538	46.16	11,930	20,327	281
Dún Laoghaire	97,315	44,255	45.48	22,073	21,818	364
Galway East	70,758	28,892	40.83	7,988	20,557	347
Galway West	99,994	41,710	41.71	13,909	27,298	503
Kerry	112,263	47,835	42.61	13,580	33,741	514
Kildare North	83,219	40,072	48.15	15,972	23,763	337
Kildare South	78,345	35,829	45.73	10,771	24,666	392
Laois-Offaly	112,150	49,025	43.71	11,776	36,703	546
Limerick City	75,651	32,837	43.41	10,291	22,195	351
Limerick County	70,551	30,053	42.60	8,145	21,602	306
Longford-Westmeath	92,626	37,844	40.86	9,497	27,940	407
Louth	106,842	50,804	47.55	14,496	35,783	525
Mayo	97,519	42,277	43.35	10,217	31,565	495
Meath East	67,867	31,176	45.94	10,035	20,931	210
Meath West	74,871	29,732	39.71	8,263	21,157	312
Roscommon-Galway	66,184	28,947	43.74	7,441	21,173	333
Sligo-Leitrim	93,065	39,719	42.68	11,030	28,206	483
Tipperary	122,159	54,280	44.43	14,328	39,338	614
Waterford	85,910	36,829	42.87	11,986	24,404	439
Wexford	114,653	48,719	42.49	13,348	34,791	580
Wicklow	100,723	51,738	51.37	19,882	31,308	548
Total	**3,438,566**	**1,525,215**	**44.36**	**487,564**	**1,021,546**	**16,105**

51. **Referendum on the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023**

Polling at the referendum took place on Friday, 08 March 2024 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The subject matter of the referendum was described as follows in the official polling card sent to each elector:

THE FORTIETH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (CARE) BILL 2023 – printed on GREEN Paper

You are being asked, in this referendum, if you agree with the proposal -

(a) to delete the following section from Article 41 of the Constitution:

"2 1° In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives to the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved.

2° The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home."

and

(b) to insert the following Article after Article 42A of the Constitution:

"Care

Article 42B

The State recognises that the provision of care, by members of a family to one another by reason of the bonds that exist among them, gives to Society a support without which the common good cannot be achieved, and shall strive to support such provision."

The total number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal was 393,053 and the total number recorded against the proposal was 1,114,404. The proposal was not, therefore, approved by the people.

The following table contains details of the voting at the referendum in each constituency:

Referendum on the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023

Constituency	Electorate	Total Poll	Percentage Poll	Votes in favour of proposal	Votes against proposal	Spoilt votes
Carlow-Kilkenny	117,528	50,179	42.70	13,768	35,735	676
Cavan-Monaghan	108,812	48,761	44.81	9,038	39,166	557
Clare	90,101	39,654	44.01	10,131	28,979	544
Cork East	90,343	38,382	42.48	9,619	28,320	443
Cork North-Central	86,075	36,646	42.57	8,687	27,440	519
Cork North-West	71,326	31,860	44.67	8,335	23,217	308
Cork South-Central	89,739	40,481	45.11	11,838	28,235	408
Cork South-West	67,187	28,742	42.78	8,943	19,486	313
Donegal	123,452	49,366	39.99	7,834	41,030	502
Dublin Bay North	105,369	53,426	50.70	15,559	37,109	758
Dublin Bay South	71,395	27,954	39.15	11,454	16,217	283
Dublin Central	54,330	23,346	42.97	7,013	15,984	349
Dublin Fingal	101,393	47,541	46.89	14,695	32,391	455
Dublin Mid-West	73,673	35,076	47.61	7,525	27,201	350
Dublin North-West	50,999	24,281	47.61	4,902	18,992	387
Dublin Rathdown	65,457	31,010	47.37	12,619	18,080	311
Dublin South-Central	71,834	32,780	45.63	7,904	24,379	497
Dublin South-West	106,405	50,596	47.55	13,225	36,881	490
Dublin West	70,483	32,560	46.20	9,357	22,893	310
Dún Laoghaire	97,315	44,267	45.49	18,527	25,370	370
Galway East	70,758	28,884	40.82	6,289	22,222	373
Galway West	99,994	41,711	41.71	10,660	30,567	484
Kerry	112,263	47,836	42.61	11,458	35,809	569
Kildare North	83,219	40,073	48.15	12,628	27,054	391
Kildare South	78,345	35,834	45.74	8,380	27,051	403
Laois-Offaly	112,150	49,029	43.72	9,674	38,779	576
Limerick City	75,651	32,839	43.41	8,096	24,322	421
Limerick County	70,551	30,055	42.60	6,750	22,981	324
Longford-Westmeath	92,626	37,846	40.86	8,023	29,412	411
Louth	106,842	50,808	47.55	11,506	38,775	527
Mayo	97,519	42,272	43.35	9,009	32,807	456
Meath East	67,867	31,174	45.93	7,993	22,942	239
Meath West	74,871	29,733	39.71	6,542	22,840	351
Roscommon-Galway	66,184	28,949	43.74	6,295	22,293	361
Sligo-Leitrim	93,065	39,719	42.68	9,210	30,011	498
Tipperary	122,159	54,273	44.43	12,083	41,500	690
Waterford	85,910	36,624	42.63	9,675	26,537	412
Wexford	114,653	48,697	42.47	12,477	35,619	601
Wicklow	100,723	51,741	51.37	15,332	35,778	631
Total	**3,438,566**	**1,525,005**	**44.35**	**393,053**	**1,114,404**	**17,548**

APPENDICES

Text of Statement for the Information of Voters issued at the following referendums:

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APPENDIX 1

WHITE BALLOT PAPER – RECOGNITION OF SPECIFIED RELIGIONS

THE FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1972, proposes to delete subsection 2° and 3° of Article 44 of the Constitution which provide as follows:

2° The State recognises the special position of the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church as the guardian of the Faith professed by the great majority of the citizens.

3° The State also recognises the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland, as well as the Jewish Congregations and the other religious denominations existing in Ireland at the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution.

If the proposal is approved Article 44 will provide as follows:

Religion

Article 44

1. The State acknowledges that the homage of public worship is due to Almighty God. It shall hold His Name in reverence, and shall respect and honour religion.

2.1° Freedom of conscience and the free profession and practice of religion are, subject to public order and morality, guaranteed to every citizen.

2° The State guarantees not to endow any religion.

3° The State shall not impose any disabilities or make any discrimination on the ground of religious profession, belief or status.

4° Legislation providing State aid for schools shall not discriminate between schools under the management of different religious denominations, nor be such as to affect prejudicially the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending religious instruction at that school.

5° Every religious denomination shall have the right to manage its own affairs, own, acquire and administer property, movable and immovable, and maintain institutions for religious or charitable purposes.

6° The property of any religious denomination or any educational institution shall not be diverted save for necessary works of public utility and on payment of compensation."

(This statement was prescribed by the Referendum (Amendment) Act 1972).

APPENDIX 2

WHITE BALLOT PAPER – BRITISH-IRISH AGREEMENT

THE NINETEETH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL, 1998, proposes to insert the following section after section 6 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

"7. 1° The State may consent to be bound by the British-Irish Agreement done at Belfast on the 10th day of April, 1998, hereinafter called the Agreement.

2° Any institution established by or under the Agreement may exercise the powers and functions thereby conferred on it in respect of all or any part of the island of Ireland notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution conferring a like power or function on any person or any organ of State appointed under or created or established by or under this Constitution. Any power or function conferred on such an institution in relation to the settlement or resolution of disputes or controversies may be in addition to or in substitution for any like power or function conferred by this Constitution on any such person or organ of State as aforesaid.

3° If the Government declare that the State has become obliged, pursuant to the Agreement, to give effect to the amendment of this Constitution referred to therein, then, notwithstanding Article 46 hereof, this Constitution shall be amended as follows:

i. the following Articles shall be substituted for Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish text:

`Airteagal 2.
Tá gach duine a shaolaítear in oileán na hÉireann, ar a n-áirítear a oileáin agus a fharraigí, i dteideal, agus tá de cheart oidhreachta aige nó aici, a bheith páirteach i náisiún na hÉireann. Tá an teideal sin freisin ag na daoine go léir atá cáilithe ar shlí eile de réir dlí chun bheith ina saoránaigh d'Éirinn. Ina theannta sin, is mór ag náisiún na hÉireann a choibhneas speisialta le daoine de bhunadh na hÉireann atá ina gcónaí ar an gcoigríoch agus arb ionann féiniúlacht agus oidhreacht chultúir dóibh agus do náisiún na hÉireann.

Airteagal 3.
1. Is í toil dhiongbháilte náisiún na hÉireann, go sítheach cairdiúil, na daoine go léir a chomhroinneann críoch oileán na hÉireann i bpáirt lena chéile, in éagsúlacht uile a bhféiniúlachtaí agus a dtraidisiún, a aontú, á aithint gur trí mhodhanna síochánta amháin le toiliú thromlach na ndaoine, á chur in iúl go daonlathach, sa dá dhlínse san oileán, a dhéanfar Éire aontaithe a thabhairt i gcrích. Go

dtí sin, bainfidh na dlíthe a achtófar ag an bParlaimint a bhunaítear leis an mBunreacht seo leis an limistéar feidhme céanna, agus beidh an raon feidhme céanna acu, lenar bhain na dlíthe, agus a bhí ag na dlíthe, a d'achtaigh an Pharlaimint a bhí ar marthain díreach roimh theacht i ngníomh don Bhunreacht seo.

2. Féadfaidh údaráis fhreagracha faoi seach na ndlínsí sin institiúidí ag a mbeidh cumhachtaí agus feidhmeanna feidhmiúcháin a chomhroinntear idir na dlínsí sin a bhunú chun críoch sonraithe agus féadfaidh na hinstitiúidí sin cumhachtaí agus feidhmeanna a fheidhmiú i leith an oileáin ar fad nó i leith aon chuid de.',

ii. the following Articles shall be substituted for Articles 2 and 3 of the English text:

`Article 2.
It is the entitlement and birthright of every person born in the island of Ireland, which includes its islands and seas, to be part of the Irish nation. That is also the entitlement of all persons otherwise qualified in accordance with law to be citizens of Ireland. Furthermore, the Irish nation cherishes its special affinity with people of Irish ancestry living abroad who share its cultural identity and heritage.

Article 3.
1. It is the firm will of the Irish nation, in harmony and friendship, to unite all the people who share the territory of the island of Ireland, in all the diversity of their identities and traditions, recognising that a united Ireland shall be brought about only by peaceful means with the consent of a majority of the people, democratically expressed, in both jurisdictions in the island. Until then, the laws enacted by the Parliament established by this Constitution shall have the like area and extent of application as the laws enacted by the Parliament that existed immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution.

2. Institutions with executive powers and functions that are shared between those jurisdictions may be established by their respective responsible authorities for stated purposes and may exercise powers and functions in respect of all or any part of the island.',

iii. the following section shall be added to the Irish text of this Article:

`8. Tig leis an Stát dlínse a fheidhmiú taobh amuigh dá chríoch de réir bhunrialacha gnáth-admhaithe an dlí idirnáisiúnta.',

and

iv. the following section shall be added to the English text of this Article:

`8. The State may exercise extra-territorial jurisdiction in accordance with the generally recognised principles of international law.'.

4° If a declaration under this section is made, this subsection and subsection 3°, other than the amendment of this Constitution effected thereby, and subsection 5°, of this section shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published thereafter, but notwithstanding such omission this section shall continue to have the force of law.

5° If such a declaration is not made within twelve months of this section being added to this Constitution or such longer period as may be provided for by law, this section shall cease to have effect and shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published thereafter.".'

APPENDIX 3

HUMAN LIFE IN PREGNANCY

THE TWENTY-FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE IN PREGNANCY) BILL, 2001, proposes to insert the following section after section 5 of Article 46 of the Constitution –

"6 1° Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, Article 40 of this Constitution shall be amended as follows:

The following subsections shall be added to section 3 of the English text:

'4° In particular, the life of the unborn in the womb shall be protected in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy Act, 2002.

5° The provisions of section 2 of Article 46 and sections 1, 3 and 4 of Article 47 of this Constitution shall apply to any Bill passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas containing a proposal to amend the Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy Act, 2002, as they apply to a Bill containing a proposal or proposals for the amendment of this Constitution and any such Bill shall be signed by the President forthwith upon his being satisfied that the Bill has been duly approved by the people in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of Article 47 of this Constitution and shall be duly promulgated by the President as a law.'.

2° If a law, containing only the provisions set out in *An Dara Sceideal* – *The Second Schedule* to the *Twenty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy) Act 2001*, is enacted by the Oireachtas, this section, other than the amendment of Article 40 of this Constitution effected thereby, shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published thereafter, but notwithstanding such omission this section shall continue to have the force of law.

3° If such a law is not so enacted within 180 days of this section being added to this Constitution, this section shall cease to have effect and shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published thereafter.

4° The provisions of Articles 26 and 27 of this Constitution shall not apply to the Bill for such a law."

APPENDIX 4

LISBON TREATY

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION BILL 2008
proposes -

(a) to insert the following subsections after subsection 10º of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

"10° The State may ratify the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon on the 13th day of December 2007, and may be a member of the European Union established by virtue of that Treaty.

11° No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State that are necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union referred to in subsection 10° of this section, or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the said European Union or by institutions thereof, or by bodies competent under the treaties referred to in this section, from having the force of law in the State.

12° The State may exercise the options or discretions provided by or under Articles 1.22, 2.64, 2.65, 2.66, 2.67, 2.68 and 2.278 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 10° of this section and Articles 1.18 and 1.20 of Protocol No. 1 annexed to that Treaty, but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

13° The State may exercise the option to secure that the Protocol on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (formerly known as the Treaty establishing the European Community) shall, in whole or in part, cease to apply to the State, but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

14° The State may agree to the decisions, regulations or other acts under -

i Article 1.34(b)(iv),

ii Article 1.56 (in so far as it relates to Article 48.7 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 4˚ of this section),

iii Article 2.66 (in so far as it relates to the second subparagraph of Article 65.3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union),

iv Article 2.67 (in so far as it relates to subparagraph (d) of Article 69A.2, the third subparagraph of Article 69B.1 and paragraphs 1

and 4 of Article 69E of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union),

v Article 2.144(a),

vi Article 2.261 (in so far as it relates to the second subparagraph of Article 270a.2 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), and

vii Article 2.278 (in so far as it relates to Article 280H of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union),

of the Treaty referred to in subsection 10° of this section, and may also agree to the decision under the second sentence of the second subparagraph of Article 137.2 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (as amended by Article 2.116(a) of the Treaty referred to in the said subsection 10°), but the agreement to any such decision, regulation or act shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

15° The State shall not adopt a decision taken by the European Council to establish a common defence pursuant to -

i Article 1.2 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 7˚ of this section, or

ii Article 1.49 of the Treaty referred to in subsection 10° of this section,

where that common defence would include the State.", and

(b) to delete the following subsection from section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

"11º The State may ratify the Agreement relating to Community Patents drawn up between the Member States of the Communities and done at Luxembourg on the 15th day of December, 1989."."

APPENDIX 5

TREATY OF LISBON

The Treaty of Lisbon will effect certain changes to the functioning of the European Union. In Ireland the Treaty of Lisbon can only be ratified if an amendment of the Constitution is approved by referendum. You will be asked whether or not you approve of the Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009 which proposes to amend and update the provisions of the Constitution relating to Ireland's membership of the European Union. The proposed amendment would-

(a) affirm Ireland's commitment to the European Union,

(b) enable Ireland to ratify the Treaty of Lisbon and to be a member of the European Union established by that Treaty,

(c) update the provisions of the Constitution that will ensure legal compatibility between Irish law and the law of the European Union,

(d) allow Ireland to agree to certain measures under the treaties being amended by the Treaty of Lisbon, subject to prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas, and

(e) restate the prohibition on Ireland joining any European Union common defence arrangement,

and for ease of reference the proposed amendment is set out hereunder.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (TREATY OF LISBON) BILL 2009 proposes-

(a) to insert the following subsections in section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

'4° *Ireland affirms its commitment to the European Union within which the member states of that Union work together to promote peace, shared values and the well-being of their peoples.*

5º *The State may ratify the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon on the 13th day of December 2007 ("Treaty of Lisbon"), and may be a member of the European Union established by virtue of that Treaty.*

6º *No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State, before, on or after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, that are necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union referred to in subsection 5º of this section or of the European Atomic Energy Community, or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by-*

(i) the said European Union or the European Atomic Energy Community, or institutions thereof,

(ii) the European Communities or European Union existing immediately before the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, or institutions thereof, or

(iii) bodies competent under the treaties referred to in this section,

from having the force of law in the State.

7º The State may exercise the options or discretions-

(i) to which Article 20 of the Treaty on European Union relating to enhanced cooperation applies,

(ii) under Protocol No. 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union annexed to that treaty and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (formerly known as the Treaty establishing the European Community), and

(iii) under Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, so annexed, including the option that the said Protocol No. 21 shall, in whole or in part, cease to apply to the State,

but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

8º The State may agree to the decisions, regulations or other acts-

(i) under the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union authorising the Council of the European Union to act other than by unanimity,

(ii) under those treaties authorising the adoption of the ordinary legislative procedure, and

(iii) under subparagraph (d) of Article 82.2, the third subparagraph of Article 83.1 and paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 86 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, relating to the area of freedom, security and justice,

but the agreement to any such decision, regulation or act shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

9º The State shall not adopt a decision taken by the European Council to establish a common defence pursuant to Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union where that common defence would include the State.',

(b) to delete the following text from the first sentence of subsection 3º of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

'the European Coal and Steel Community (established by Treaty signed at Paris on the 18th day of April, 1951), the European Economic Community (established by Treaty signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957) and',

(c) to delete the second sentence of the said subsection 3º, and

(d) to delete subsections 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, 8°, 9°, 10° and 11° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution.

APPENDIX 6

JUDGES' REMUNERATION

THE TWENTY-NINTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (JUDGES' REMUNERATION) BILL 2011 proposes to delete section 5 of Article 35 of the Constitution which provides that the remuneration of a judge shall not be reduced during the continuance in office of the judge and to substitute the section here following:

'5 1° The remuneration of judges shall not be reduced during their continuance in office save in accordance with this section.

2° The remuneration of judges is subject to the imposition of taxes, levies or other charges that are imposed by law on persons generally or persons belonging to a particular class.

3° Where, before or after the enactment of this section, reductions have been or are made by law to the remuneration of persons belonging to classes of persons whose remuneration is paid out of public money and such law states that those reductions are in the public interest, provision may also be made by law to make proportionate reductions to the remuneration of judges.'.

APPENDIX 7

HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS INQUIRIES

THE THIRTIETH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS INQUIRIES) BILL 2011 proposes to amend the provisions of the Constitution relating to the powers of the Houses of the Oireachtas to conduct an inquiry into any matter stated by the House or Houses concerned to be of general public importance. The proposed amendment would add the following subsections to Article 15.10:

'2º Each House shall have the power to conduct an inquiry, or an inquiry with the other House, in a manner provided for by law, into any matter stated by the House or Houses concerned to be of general public importance.

3º In the course of any such inquiry the conduct of any person (whether or not a member of either House) may be investigated and the House or Houses concerned may make findings in respect of the conduct of that person concerning the matter to which the inquiry relates.

4º It shall be for the House or Houses concerned to determine, with due regard to the principles of fair procedures, the appropriate balance between the rights of persons and the public interest for the purposes of ensuring an effective inquiry into any matter to which subsection 2º applies.'.

Appendix 8

REFERENDUM RELATING TO CHILDREN

THE THIRTY-FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (CHILDREN) BILL 2012 proposes -

(a) to delete the following section from Article 42 of the Constitution:

"5 In exceptional cases, where the parents for physical or moral reasons fail in their duty towards their children, the State as guardian of the common good, by appropriate means shall endeavour to supply the place of the parents, but always with due regard for the natural and imprescriptible rights of the child.", and

(b) to insert the following Article after Article 42:

"**CHILDREN**

Article 42A

1 The State recognises and affirms the natural and imprescriptible rights of all children and shall, as far as practicable, by its laws protect and vindicate those rights.

2 1° In exceptional cases, where the parents, regardless of their marital status, fail in their duty towards their children to such extent that the safety or welfare of any of their children is likely to be prejudicially affected, the State as guardian of the common good shall, by proportionate means as provided by law, endeavour to supply the place of the parents, but always with due regard for the natural and imprescriptible rights of the child.

2° Provision shall be made by law for the adoption of any child where the parents have failed for such a period of time as may be prescribed by law in their duty towards the child and where the best interests of the child so require.

3 Provision shall be made by law for the voluntary placement for adoption and the adoption of any child.

4 1º Provision shall be made by law that in the resolution of all proceedings –

i brought by the State, as guardian of the common good, for the purpose of preventing the safety and welfare of any child from being prejudicially affected, or

ii concerning the adoption, guardianship or custody of, or access to, any child,

the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration.

2° Provision shall be made by law for securing, as far as practicable, that in all proceedings referred to in subsection 1° of this section in respect of any child who is capable of forming his or her own views, the views of the child shall be ascertained and given due weight having regard to the age and maturity of the child.".

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