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A Chara,

I would like to make the following point with respect to the Dáil constituency review

1. Constituency consistency as a factor

The Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017 (commenced 23 December 2017) brought into force the recommendations of the Constituency Commission Report 2017. These recommendations resulted in a number of changes to Dáil constituencies around the country.

For many constituents this resulted in a change of Dáil constituency i.e. they moved to a new constituency. For example, in Dublin, electoral divisions Botanic A-C and Drumcondra South C all moved from Dublin North-West to Dublin Central. These same electoral divisions had moved from Dublin Central to Dublin North-West as a result of the 2012 Constituency Commission Report.

Constituents and constituency based groups build up relationships with elected representatives over time. Such relationships need to be rebuilt each time constituents change constituencies.

While some change is unavoidable it would be preferable if individual electoral divisions did not change on each and every review of the constituency boundaries.

As such I'd ask that the number of times a given electoral division changed constituencies in recent years should be a factor in the determination of any change of constituency for that electoral division in the current review.

Is mise le meas,



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