

Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Bill.

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

Clause

1. Boroughs to cease to have separate representation.
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3. Counties to have number of members reduced.
4. Counties to have wholly new divisions or altered boundaries with consequential alteration in adjacent divisions.
5. New university constituencies.
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SCHEDULES.

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Provide for the Redistribution of Seats at Parliamentary Elections in Ireland and for purposes connected therewith. A.D. 1918.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 **1.** Each of the parliamentary boroughs named in the First Schedule to this Act shall cease to have separate representation. Boroughs to
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representation.

10 **2.**—(1) The contents and boundaries of each of the parliamentary boroughs named in the Second Schedule to this Act and of the divisions thereof shall, for all purposes of and relating to parliamentary elections, be as specified in that schedule, and each of those boroughs shall return the number of members specified opposite thereto in the said schedule. Boroughs to
have altered
boundaries.

15 (2)—(a) Each of the parliamentary boroughs named in Part I. of the Second Schedule to this Act shall be divided into the divisions specified in that Part, and each such division shall return one member.

20 (b) The divisions of each of the parliamentary boroughs named in Part I. of the Second Schedule to this Act existing at the time of the passing of this Act for the purpose of parliamentary elections shall cease.

25 **3.** Each of the parliamentary counties named in the Third Schedule to this Act shall return one member and no more, and the divisions of each of those counties existing at the time of the passing of this Act for the purposes of parliamentary elections shall cease. Counties to
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Counties to have wholly new divisions or altered boundaries with consequential alteration in adjacent divisions.

4.—(1) The contents and boundaries of each of the parliamentary counties named in the Fourth Schedule to this Act and of the divisions thereof shall, for all purposes of and relating to parliamentary elections, be as specified in that schedule, and each of those counties shall return the number of members 5 specified opposite thereto in the said schedule.

(2)—(a) Each of the parliamentary counties named in Part I. of the Fourth Schedule to this Act shall be divided into the divisions specified in that Part, and each such division shall return one member. 10

(b) The divisions of each of the parliamentary counties named in the Fourth Schedule to this Act existing at the passing of this Act for the purposes of parliamentary elections shall cease.

(3) For the purpose of making the alterations in certain 15 divisions of adjacent parliamentary counties which are consequential on the alterations of boundaries made under this Act, each of the divisions named in the second column of the Fifth Schedule shall consist of the area described in the third column of that schedule and the boundaries of each of the said divisions 20 shall be altered accordingly.

New university constituencies.

5.—(1) Each of the universities mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to this Act shall be a separate parliamentary constituency returning one member to parliament.

(2) For the purposes of the application to the university 25 constituencies named in the Sixth Schedule to this Act, of the provisions with respect to elections for university constituencies contained in the Representation of the People Act, 1918, the returning officer, in the case of the Queen's University of Belfast, shall be the President of the University, and, in the 30 case of the National University of Ireland shall be the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Dates of constitution of areas for purposes of schedules.

6. The areas mentioned in the second and last columns of Part I. of the Second and Fourth Schedules to this Act, and in the second column of Part II. of those Schedules, and in the last 35 column of the Fifth Schedule to this Act, shall be taken to be those areas as constituted on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eighteen: Provided that any misnomer or inaccurate description of any of those areas in those columns shall not in any way prevent or abridge the operation of this Act with 40

respect to the subject of the description if it is so designated A.D. 1918.
as to be commonly understood.

7. If any doubt arises as to the parliamentary borough or county, or division of a parliamentary borough or county in which any parish, townland, ward, or other place, whether larger or smaller than a parish, townland, or ward, is intended by any of the schedules to this Act to be included that doubt shall be determined by the Local Government Board for Ireland.

Removal of doubts.

8. The council having power to divide a parliamentary county or parliamentary borough into polling districts shall not later than one month after the passing of this Act, take into consideration the division of such county or borough into polling districts, and make any re-arrangement of those districts which it appears necessary to make as a consequence of alterations effected by this Act.

Alteration of polling districts where necessary.

9. This Act shall come into operation on the passing thereof or, if the Representation of the People Act, 1918, has not then passed, on the passing of that Act: Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect any parliamentary register for the time being in force, or any parliamentary elections, or the constitution of the House of Commons, until Parliament is first dissolved or ceases to have continuance after the first register to be prepared under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, comes into force.

Commencement of Act.

10.—(1) This Act shall be construed as one with the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Construction and short title.

(2) This Act may be cited as the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918.

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SCHEDULES.FIRST SCHEDULE.

PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGHES TO CEASE TO HAVE SEPARATE REPRESENTATION.

Galway.
Kilkenny.
Newry.

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

PARLIAMENTARY BOROUGHES TO HAVE ALTERED BOUNDARIES.

PART I.

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BOROUGHES WITH ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

| Name of Parliamentary Borough. | Contents of Parliamentary Borough. | Total Number of Members for Parlia- mentary Borough. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary Borough. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. | 15 |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|----------------------|
| Belfast - | The county borough of Belfast. | Nine - | Cromac - Duncairn - | The Cromac and Windsor Municipal Wards of the borough. The Duncairn Municipal Ward of the borough and the part of the Clifton Municipal Ward of the borough which lies to the north and east of a line commencing at a point in the western boundary of the ward opposite the middle of Old Park Road proceeding along the middle of Old Park Road to its junction with Mount- view Street, thence along the middle of Mountview Street to its junction with Manor Street, thence northwards along the middle of Manor Street to its junction with Cliftonville Road, thence south-eastwards along the middle of Cliftonville Road to the ward boundary in Duncairn Street. | 20 25 30 35 |
| | | | Falls - | The Falls and Smithfield Municipal Wards of the borough. | |
| | | | Ormeau - | The Ormeau Municipal Ward of the borough. | 40 |
| | | | Pottinger - | The Pottinger Municipal Ward of the borough. | |

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued.*

| 5 | Name of Parliamentary Borough. | Contents of Parliamentary Borough. | Total Number of Members for Parlia- mentary Borough. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary Borough. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. |
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| 10 | Belfast— <i>cont.</i> | | | St. Anne's - Shankill - | The St. Anne's and St. George's Municipal Wards of the borough. The Shankill Municipal Ward of the borough and the part of the said Clifton Ward which is not included in the Duncairn Division. |
| 15 | | | | Victoria - Woodvale - | The Dock and Victoria Municipal Wards of the borough. The Court and Woodvale Municipal Wards of the borough. |
| 20 | Dublin | The county borough of Dublin. | Seven | Clontarf - | The Clontarf East, Clontarf West, and Drumcondra Municipal Wards of the borough, and the part of the Mountjoy Municipal Ward of the borough which is not included in the Dublin Harbour Division. |
| 25 | | | | College Green. | The Inns' Quay, North City, Rotunda, and South City Municipal Wards of the borough. |
| 30 | | | | Dublin Harbour. | The North Dock Municipal Ward of the borough, the part of each of the South Dock and Trinity Municipal Wards of the borough which is not in the St. Stephen's Green Division, and the part of the said Mountjoy Ward which lies to the east and south of a line drawn continuously along the middle of Great Britain Street, Summer Hill, and Summer Hill Parade to the middle of the North Wall Extension of the Midland Great Western Railway, and thence in a south-easterly direction along the middle of that railway to the ward boundary. |
| 35 | | | | St. James's | The New Kilmainham and Usher's Quay Municipal Wards of the borough. |
| 40 | | | | St. Michan's | The Arran Quay and Glasnevin Municipal Wards of the borough. |
| 45 | | | | St. Patrick's | The Merchants' Quay and Wood Quay Municipal Wards of the borough. |
| 50 | | | | St. Stephen's Green. | The Fitzwilliam, Mansion House, and Royal Exchange Municipal Wards of the borough, and the part of each of the said South Dock and Trinity Wards which lies to the south of a line drawn along the middle of Great Brunswick Street. |
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PART II.

BOROUGH WITH UNALTERED REPRESENTATION.

| Name of Parliamentary Borough. | Contents of Parliamentary Borough. | Number of Members for Parliamentary Borough. | |
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| Waterford - - | The county borough of Waterford and the part of the rural district of Waterford No. 1 which consists of the district electoral divisions of Ballynakill, Kilbarry, Killoteran, and Waterford Rural. | One. | 5 10 |

THIRD SCHEDULE.

COUNTIES WITH UNALTERED BOUNDARIES TO LOSE ONE MEMBER.

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| King's County. | Louth. | |
| Leitrim. | Queen's County. | 15 |
| Longford. | Westmeath. | |

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

PART I.

COUNTIES WITH WHOLLY NEW DIVISIONS.

| Name of Parliamentary County. | Contents of Parliamentary County. | Total Number of Members for Parliamentary County. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary County. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. | |
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| Down - - | The administrative county of Down. | Five | East Down | The Rural district of Downpatrick, exclusive of the district electoral divisions of Ballynahinch, Kilmore, and Leggygowan; the part of the rural district of Kilkeel which consists of the district electoral divisions of Bryansford, Fofanny, and Maghera; and the part of the rural district of Banbridge which consists of the district electoral divisions of Ballyward, Crossgar, and Leitrim. | 30 35 |

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| 5 | Name of Parliamentary County. | Contents of Parliamentary County. | Total Number of Members for Parlia- mentary County. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary County. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. |
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| 10 | Down— <i>cont.</i> | | | Mid Down | The rural districts of Castlereagh and Hillsborough; the part of the rural district of Newtownards which consists of the district electoral divisions of Ballygowan, Ballymaglaff, Kilmoor, Moneyreagh, and Tullynakill; the part of the rural district of Downpatrick which consists of the district electoral divisions of Ballynahinch, Kilmore, and Leggygowan; and the urban district of Holywood. |
| 15 | | | | North Down | The part of the rural district of Newtownards which is not included in the Mid Down Division, and the urban districts of Bangor, Donaghadee, and Newtownards. |
| 20 | | | | South Down | The rural district of Newry No. 1; the part of the rural district of Kilkeel which is not included in the East Down Division; and the urban districts of Newcastle, Newry, and Warrenpoint. |
| 25 | | | | West Down | The rural district of Moira; the part of the rural district of Banbridge which is not included in the East Down Division; and the urban districts of Banbridge and Dromore. |
| 30 | | | | North Dublin. | The rural districts of Balrothery (including the town of Balbriggan), Celbridge No. 2, and North Dublin, and the part of the rural district of South Dublin which consists of the District Electoral Divisions of Clondalkin, Palmerston, and Tallaght. |
| 35 | Dublin | The adminis- trative county of Dublin. | Four | South Dublin. | The part of the rural district of Rathdown No. 1 which is not included in the Pembroke Division, and the urban districts of Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack, and Kingstown. |
| 40 | | | | Pembroke - | The urban district of Pembroke, the part of the rural district of Rathdown No. 1 which consists of the district electoral divisions of Dundrum and Milltown, and the part of the rural district of South Dublin which is not included in the North Dublin and Rathmines Divisions. |
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FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued.*

| Name of Parliamentary County. | Contents of Parliamentary County. | Total Number of Members for Parlia- mentary County. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary County. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. | 5 |
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| Dublin— <i>cont.</i> | | | Rathmines - | The urban district of Rathmines and Rathgar, and the part of the rural district of South Dublin which consists of the district electoral division of Terenure. | 10 |
| Galway. | The adminis- trative county of Galway. | Four | Connemara | The rural districts of Clifden and Oughterard, the part of the rural district of Galway which consists of the district electoral divisions of Barna, Furbogh, Kilcummin, Killannin, Moycullen, Selerna, Slieveaneema, Spiddle, and Tullokyne, and the urban district of Galway. | 15 |
| | | | East Galway | The rural districts of Ballinasloe No. 1, Mountbellew, and Portumna, the part of the rural district of Loughrea which consists of the district electoral divisions of Cappalusk, Cloonkeen, Colmaunstown, Graigabbey, Grange, Killimor, and Tiaquin, and the urban district of Ballinasloe. | 20 |
| | | | North Galway. | The rural districts of Glennamaddy and Tuam. | 25 |
| | | | South Galway. | The rural district of Gort, the part of the rural district of Galway which is not included in the Connemara Division, and the part of the rural district of Loughrea which is not included in the East Galway Division. | 30 |
| Kilkenny | The admini- strative county of Kilkenny. | Two | North Kilkenny. | The rural districts of Castlecomer, Kilkenny, and Urlingford No. 1, and the municipal borough of Kilkenny. | 35 |
| | | | South Kilkenny. | The rural districts of Callan, Carrick-on-Suir No. 3, Ida, Thomas- town, and Waterford No. 2. | 40 |
| Tyrone | The adminis- trative county of Tyrone. | Three | North East Tyrone. | The part of the rural district of Cookstown which is not included in the South Tyrone Division, the part of the rural district of Dungannon which consists of the district elec- toral divisions of Altnore, Meenagh, and Mountjoy, the part of the rural district of Omagh which is not included in the North West Tyrone and South Tyrone Divisions, and the urban districts of Cookstown and Omagh. | 45 |
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| 5 | Name of Parliamentary County. | Contents of Parliamentary County. | Total Number of Members for Parlia- mentary County. | Names of Divisions of Parliamentary County. | Contents or Boundaries of Divisions. |
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| 10 | Tyrone—cont. | | | North-West Tyrone. | The rural districts of Castlederg, Strabane No. 1, and Trillick, the part of the rural district of Omagh which consists of the district electoral divisions of Camderry, Clanabogan, Dromore, Drumquin, Greenan, Lisnacraight, Moyle, Mullagharn, and Tullyclunagh, and the urban district of Strabane. |
| 15 | | | | South Tyrone. | The rural district of Clogher, the part of the rural district of Cookstown which consists of the district electoral divisions of The Sandholes and Stewartstown, the part of the rural district of Dungannon which is not included in the North-East Tyrone Division, the part of the rural district of Omagh which consists of the district electoral divisions of Carryglass, Derrybard, Dervaghroy, Draughton, Fallaghearn, Fintona, Seskinore, and Tattymoyle, and the urban district of Dungannon. |
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PART II.

COUNTY WITH ALTERED BOUNDARIES AND REDUCED REPRESENTATION.

| 35 | Name of Parliamentary County. | Contents of Parliamentary County. | Number of Members for Parliamentary County. |
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| | Waterford | The administrative county of Waterford, exclusive of the part thereof comprised in the parliamentary borough of Waterford. | One. |

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FIFTH SCHEDULE.

COUNTIES WITH ONE ALTERED DIVISION.

| Name of Parliamentary County. | Name of Division of Parliamentary County. | Contents of altered Division. | 5 |
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| Antrim - - | South Antrim - | The part of the existing South Antrim Division which is comprised in the administrative county of Antrim, together with the part of the administrative county which is comprised in the existing East Down Division of the parliamentary county of Down. | 10 |
| Armagh - - | South Armagh - | The part of the existing South Armagh Division which is comprised in the administrative county of Armagh. | |
| Clare - - | East Clare - | The existing East Clare Division, together with the part of the existing South Galway Division of the parliamentary county of Galway which is comprised in the administrative county of Clare. | 15 |
| Mayo - - | South Mayo - | The existing South Mayo Division, together with the part of the existing Connemara Division of the parliamentary county of Galway which is comprised in the administrative county of Mayo. | 20 |
| Roscommon - | South Roscommon. | The existing South Roscommon Division (exclusive of the part which is comprised in the administrative county of Galway), together with the part of the existing North Galway Division of the parliamentary county of Galway which is comprised in the administrative county of Roscommon. | 25 |
| Tipperary - | East Tipperary - | The existing East Tipperary Division, together with the part of the existing East Waterford Division of the parliamentary county of Waterford which is comprised in the administrative county of Tipperary. | 30 |
| Wexford - - | South Wexford - | The existing South Wexford Division, together with the part of the existing South Kilkenny Division of the parliamentary county of Kilkenny which is comprised in the administrative county of Wexford. | 35 |
| Wicklow - - | East Wicklow - | The existing East Wicklow Division, together with the part of the existing South Dublin Division of the parliamentary county of Dublin which is comprised in the administrative county of Wicklow. | 40 |

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

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ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY CONSTITUENCIES.

| Name of University. | | | | | | Number of Members. |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------|
| The Queen's University of Belfast - - - - - | | | | | | One. |
| 5 | The National University of Ireland - - - - - | | | | | One. |

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