

NOTICE OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTION

CONSTITUENCY OF DUBLIN

I hereby give notice that an election of members of the European Parliament is to be held in the above mentioned constituency. If the election is contested, a poll will be taken on the 5th day of June 2009 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.

To be eligible for election a person must be either a citizen of Ireland or a national of another Member State of the European Union ordinarily resident in Ireland.

A person may nominate himself/herself as a candidate or may, with his/her consent, be nominated by a proposer who is a registered European elector in the relevant European Parliament constituency.

A nomination form from a candidate of a registered political party must have a Certificate of Political Affiliation attached which must be produced to me with his/her completed nomination paper.

If no certificate is attached, the candidate must, before the latest time for receiving nominations, either-

- Secure 60 assents to the nomination by way of statutory declarations by European electors registered in the relevant European Parliament constituency (forms available from me or the registration authority), or
- Make a deposit of €1,800 (deposit may also be made on the candidate's behalf).

Details of these requirements are set out in the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2009.

A national of an EU Member State, other than Ireland or the United Kingdom, intending to be a candidate, must deliver to me, with the completed nomination paper, a statutory declaration and an attestation from the competent administrative authority of the person's home Member State regarding his/her eligibility for election.

If a candidate wishes to be entered on the ballot paper as representing a registered political party, a Certificate of Political Affiliation must be produced to me with the completed nomination paper.

If a non-party candidate who is a sitting MEP wishes to have entered on the ballot paper the European Parliament political group of which he/she is a member, a Certificate of European Political Affiliation must be produced to me with the completed nomination paper – see section 3(b) of the notes on the nomination paper.

If a candidate wishes to have his/her photograph included on the ballot paper, one photograph in digitised format on CD and two identical printed copies must be produced to me with the nomination paper. The technical requirements for the photographs are set out in section 4 of the notes on the nomination paper.

Replacement candidates may be nominated by registered political parties and non-party candidates.

Forms of nomination papers, statutory declarations, and replacement candidates lists may be obtained, free of charge from the address below during office hours.

Completed nomination papers may be delivered to me in person by candidates or their proposers at any time when I am at my office from 10am on the 2nd day of May, 2009 until 12 noon on the 11th day of May, 2009 which is the latest time for receiving nominations.

I will attend to receive nomination papers at the address below between 10am and 12 noon and between 2pm and 5pm on the 9th day of May, 2009 and between 10 am and 12 noon on the 11th day of May, 2009.

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