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## Bunreacht na hÉireann

*In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred,*

*We, the people of Éire,*

*Humbly acknowledging all our obligations to our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ, Who sustained our fathers through centuries of trial,*

*Gratefully remembering their heroic and unremitting struggle to regain the rightful independence of our Nation,*

*And seeking to promote the common good, with due observance of Prudence, Justice and Charity, so that the dignity and freedom of the individual may be assured, true social order attained, the unity of our country restored, and concord established with other nations,*

*Do hereby adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution.*



## Bunreacht na hÉireann

I nAinm na Tríonóire Ró-Naomha is tobair don uile ughdaráis agus  
sur cuice, ós í is críoch deireannaic dúinn, is díriúche ní hamáin  
gníomhartha daoine ac gníomhartha Stát,

Ar mbeic dúinne, muintear na hÉireann, as adháil go huiriseal  
a méir atámar fá comaoin as Íosa Críost, ar dtigearna Dia, tús  
comfurtaic dár sinsearaib i nGac cruaitan 'na rabhadar ar fead  
na gcéadta bliadán,

Agus ar mbeic dúinn as cuimniú go buideac ar a calmaic do  
rinneadar-san troic san staoiad cun an neam-spleadcas is dual  
dár náisiún do baint amac,

Agus ar mbeic dúinn dá cur romainn an maiteas poiblic do cur  
ar aghaid maille le Críonnaic agus le hlonnracas agus le Cartannaic  
do réir mar is cuaid, ionnas go dtiocfaid linn a uaisleac agus a  
saoirse do cur i n-áiric do Gac don duine, saogal ceart comdaonnaic  
do bunú, aiseas a haonraic do tabairt dár dtír, agus  
comcáradar do déanam le náisiúnaib eile,

Atámar leis seo as gabáil an Bunreacra so cugainn, agus dá  
acú agus dá tíolacaid dúinn féin.



## THE NATION.

**Article 1.**

The Irish nation hereby affirms its inalienable, indefeasible, and sovereign right to choose its own form of Government, to determine its relations with other nations, and to develop its life, political, economic and cultural, in accordance with its own genius and traditions.

**Article 2.**

The national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland, its islands and the territorial seas.

**Article 3.**

Pending the re-integration of the national territory, and without prejudice to the right of the Parliament and Government established by this Constitution to exercise jurisdiction over the whole of that territory, the laws enacted by that Parliament shall have the like area and extent of application as the laws of Saorstát Eireann and the like extra-territorial effect.

## THE STATE.

**Article 4.**

The name of the State is *Éire*, or, in the English language *Ireland*.

**Article 5.**

Ireland is a sovereign, independent, democratic state.



## AN NÁISIÚN.

### AIRTEAGAL 1.

Deimniúgeann náisiún na hÉireann leis seo a gceart do-shannata, do-éilaoiúte, ceannasac cun cibé cinéal Rialtais is roga leo féin do bunú, cun a gcaitheam le náisiúnaib eile do cinnead, agus cun a saogal poilitiúeacta is geilleagair is saoiúeacta do cur ar aghaid do réir úttáis is gnás a sinsear.

### AIRTEAGAL 2.

Is é oileán na hÉireann go hiomlán, maille le n-a oileáin agus a páirrí teorann, na críocha náisiúnta.

### AIRTEAGAL 3.

Go dtí go ndéantar at-coinlánú ar na críochaib náisiúnta, agus gan dochar do ceart na Parlaiminte is an Rialtais a bunúistear leis an mBunreacht so cun dlúsinse do'oiibriú insna críochaib náisiúnta uile, bainfid na dlúste a dtócar as an bParlaimint sin leis an lúmistéir céadna le n-ar bain dlúste Saorstát Éireann, agus beid an éifeacht céadna aca taob amuig den lúmistéir sin a bí as dlústib Saorstát Éireann.

## AN STÁT.

### AIRTEAGAL 4.

Éire is ainm don Stát nó, sa tSacs-Béarla, *Ireland*.

### AIRTEAGAL 5.

Is Stát ceannasac, neam-spleadac, daon-flatac Éire.



**Article 6.**

1. All powers of government, legislative, executive and judicial, derive, under God, from the people, whose right it is to designate the rulers of the State and, in final appeal, to decide all questions of national policy, according to the requirements of the common good.
2. These powers of government are exercisable only by or on the authority of the organs of State established by this Constitution.

**Article 7.**

The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange

**Article 8.**

1. The Irish language as the national language is the first official language.
2. The English language is recognised as a second official language.
3. Provision may, however, be made by law for the exclusive use of either of the said languages for any one or more official purposes, either throughout the State or in any part thereof.

**Article 9.**

1. 1° On the coming into operation of this Constitution any person who was a citizen of Saorstát Eireann immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall become and be a citizen of Ireland.

2° The future acquisition and loss of Irish nationality and citizenship shall be determined in accordance with law.

3° No person may be excluded from Irish nationality and citizenship by reason of the sex of such person.



## AIRTEAGAL 6.

1. Is ón bpobal, fá 'Dia, a tigeas gac cumáct ríagla, roir reáctairéaéct is comálláct is breicéamnas, agus is ag an bpobal atá sé de éaéct ríaglóirí an Stáit do éapaó, agus is fán bpobal fá 'Deoio atá gac ceist i 'Dtaob beartas an Náisiúin do sócrú do réir mar is gábaó éun leas an pobail.
2. Is leis na horganaib Stáit a cuirtear ar bun leis an m'Unreáct so, agus leo sin amáin nó le n-a n-u'garás, is féioir na cumácta ríagla sin o'oiriú.

## AIRTEAGAL 7.

An brataé trí noat .i. uaine, bán, agus flann-buiré, an suaitéantás náisiúnta.

## AIRTEAGAL 8.

1. Ós í an gaeóilg an teangá náisiúnta is í an príim-teangá oifiseamail í.
2. Glactar leis an Sacs-Úearla mar teangain oifiseamail eile.
3. Ac féiofar sócrú do 'deanam le 'oligeaó o'fonn ceáctar den dá teangain sin do beic ina haon-teangain le ha'gaio don gno nó gno'ái oifiseamla ar fuaid an Stáit ar fáo nó i n-aon éuid de.

## AIRTEAGAL 9.

1. 1° Ar éaéct i ngníom don 'Unreáct so is saoránaé o'Éirinn don 'uine ba saoránaé de saorstát Éireann oíreaé roim éaéct i ngníom don 'Unreáct so.  
2° Is do réir 'oligió a cinnfeá ríagail agus cailleamaint náisiúntaéct agus saoránaéct Éireann feasta.  
3° Ní ceao náisiúntaéct agus saoránaéct Éireann do éeilt ar 'uine ar bié toise gur fireann nó toise gur baineann an 'uine sin.



**Article 9** (*continued*).

2. Fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State are fundamental political duties of all citizens.

**Article 10.**

1. All natural resources, including the air and all forms of potential energy, within the jurisdiction of the Parliament and Government established by this Constitution and all royalties and franchises within that jurisdiction belong to the State subject to all estates and interests therein for the time being lawfully vested in any person or body.
2. All land and all mines, minerals and waters which belonged to Saorstát Eireann immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution belong to the State to the same extent as they then belonged to Saorstát Eireann.
3. Provision may be made by law for the management of the property which belongs to the State by virtue of this Article and for the control of the alienation, whether temporary or permanent, of that property.
4. Provision may also be made by law for the management of land, mines, minerals and waters acquired by the State after the coming into operation of this Constitution and for the control of the alienation, whether temporary or permanent, of the land, mines, minerals and waters so acquired.

**Article 11.**

All revenues of the State from whatever source arising shall, subject to such exception as may be provided by law, form one fund, and shall be appropriated for the purposes and in the manner and subject to the charges and liabilities determined and imposed by law.



## AIRTEAGAL 9 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

2. Is bun-dualgas poiliticeac ar gac saoránac beic dílis don náisiún agus tairiseac don Stát.

## AIRTEAGAL 10.

1. Gac aobhar maoiné nádúrta, mar aon leis an aer agus gac aobhar puinnim, dá bfuil pá olíginse na párlaiminte agus an Rialtais a bunuigítear leis an mbunreacht so, maille le gac rí-éios agus díolmáine dá bfuil pán olíginse sin, is leis an Stát iad uile, gan dochar do cibé eastáit agus leasanna is le haon duine nó le haon dream go dleaghtac i n-alt na huaire.
2. Gac talamh agus gac mianac, mianrao, agus uisce ba le Saorstát Éireann díreac roim teact i ngníomh don bunreacht so is leis an Stát iad uile sa méid go mba le Saorstát Éireann an uair sin iad.
3. Féadfar socrú do déanamh le dligeaó cun bainistíge do déanamh ar an maoin is leis an Stát de buaó an Airteagail seo, agus cun sannaó buan nó sannaó sealadac na maoiné sin do rialú.
4. Féadfar socrú do déanamh le dligeaó, pairis sin, cun bainistíge do déanamh ar talamh, ar mianais, ar mianraíde agus ar uiscí tíocpas i seilb an Stáit d'éis teact i ngníomh don bunreacht so, agus cun sannaó buan nó sannaó sealadac na talman, na mianac, na mianrao agus na n-uiscí a tíocpas ina seilb amháid do rialú.

## AIRTEAGAL 11.

Ní foláir faáiltas uile an Stáit cibé bunao atá leis, ac amáin an cúir sin de ar a nuéantar eisceaó le dligeaó, do cur i n-aon éiste amáin, agus é do leic-shabáil cun na scríceanna, agus ar an mod, a cinntear le dligeaó agus pá cuimsiú na muirear agus na bfeiceamnas a gearrtear le dligeaó.



## THE PRESIDENT.

## Article 12.

1. There shall be a President of Ireland (*Uachtarán na hÉireann*), hereinafter called the President, who shall take precedence over all other persons in the State and who shall exercise and perform the powers and functions conferred on the President by this Constitution and by law.

2. 1° The President shall be elected by direct vote of the people.

2° Every citizen who has the right to vote at an election for members of Dáil Eireann shall have the right to vote at an election for President.

3° The voting shall be by secret ballot and on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

3. 1° The President shall hold office for seven years from the date upon which he enters upon his office, unless before the expiration of that period he dies, or resigns, or is removed from office, or becomes permanently incapacitated, such incapacity being established to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court consisting of not less than five judges.

2° A person who holds, or who has held, office as President, shall be eligible for re-election to that office once, but only once.

3° An election for the office of President shall be held not later than, and not earlier than the sixtieth day before, the date of the expiration of the term of office of every President, but in the event of the removal from office of the President or of his death, resignation, or permanent incapacity established as aforesaid, an election for the office of President shall be held within sixty days after such event.

4. 1° Every citizen who has reached his thirty-fifth year of age is eligible for election to the office of President.



## AN TUAÉTARÁN

## AIRTEAGAL 12.

1. Beirò Uaétarán ar Éirinn (.i. Uaétarán na hÉireann), ar a dtugtar an tUaétarán insan Bunreacht so feasta; beirò tosach aige ar shac uile duine insan Stát, agus ní foláir dó na cumadta agus na feadomanna a beirtear don Uaétarán leis an mbunreacht so agus le dlígeadh d'oidibriú agus do comhlíonadh.
2. 1° le bótá lom-díreach an pobail a toghfar an tUaétarán.  
 2° shac saoránach as a bfuil ceart bótála i dtoghchán do comhaltaibh de Dáil Éireann, beirò ceart bótála aige i dtoghchán don Uaétarán.  
 3° is le rún-bhallóir agus do réir na hionadaithe eadta cionnaire agus ar mhór an don-ghota ionais-trighe a déanfar an bótáil.
3. 1° Beirò an tUaétarán i seilbh oifige go ceann seacht mbliadhán ón lá raibí i gcúram a oifige muna dtarluisíó roim deireadh an téarma sin go n-éasraib nó go n-éireodáir as oifis nó go gcuirfeair as oifis é, nó go ngeobáir mítreoir buan é agus go suirfeair sin go sásam na Cúirte Uaétaraiige agus i comhdéanta de cúigear breitheamán ar a laiigeadh.  
 2° Duine atá nó a bí ina Uaétarán, is iontogeta é cun na hoifige sin é don uair amháin eile, ac sin a mbeirò.  
 3° ní foláir toghchán d'oifis an Uaétaráin do déanamh lá na déirdeannaige ná dáta deireadh téarma oifige shac Uaétaráin ar leit agus nac luaithe ná an seascadomadh lá roim an dáta sin, ac má cuirtear an tUaétarán as oifis, nó má éasann, nó má éirgeann as, nó má gabann mítreoir buan é agus go suirfeair sin mar adubhad, ní foláir toghchán d'oifis an Uaétaráin do déanamh taobh istig de seasca lá tar éis an ní sin do tarlaéaint.
4. 1° shac saoránach as a bfuil cúig bliadhna tríocad slán, is iontogeta é cun oifis an Uaétaráin é.



Article 12 (*continued*).

2° Every candidate for election, not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by

i. not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or

ii. by the Councils of not less than four administrative Counties (including County Boroughs) as defined by law.

3° No person and no such Council shall be entitled to subscribe to the nomination of more than one candidate in respect of the same election.

4° Former or retiring Presidents may become candidates on their own nomination.

5° Where only one candidate is nominated for the office of President it shall not be necessary to proceed to a ballot for his election.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Article, elections for the office of President shall be regulated by law.

6. 1° The President shall not be a member of either House of the Oireachtas.

2° If a member of either House of the Oireachtas be elected President, he shall be deemed to have vacated his seat in that House.

3° The President shall not hold any other office or position of emolument.

7. The first President shall enter upon his office as soon as may be after his election, and every subsequent President shall enter upon his office on the day following the expiration of the term of office of his predecessor or as soon as may be thereafter or, in the event of his predecessor's removal from office, death, resignation, or permanent incapacity established as provided by section 3 hereof, as soon as may be after the election.



## AIRTEAGAL 12 (AR LEANAMHAINC).

2° SÁC IARRCÓIR D'OIFIS AN UACтарÁN, SEACAS DUINE ATÁ NÓ BÍ INA UACтарÁN ÉANA, IS UACта SO LEANAS NÁC POLÁIR A AINMNIÚ DO TEACт:

i. PÍCE DUINE AR A LAIGEAD AGUS SÁC DUINE PÁ LEIT DÍOB SIN INA COMALTA, I N-ALT NA HUaire, DE TIS DE TISCTIB AN OIREACтAIS, NÓ

ii. COMAIRLÍ CEITRE CONTAЕ RIARAЧÁIN AR A LAIGEAD (AGUS CONTAЕ-DUIRGI D'ÁIREAM) MAR MÍNIГTEAR LE DLIGEAD.

3° NÍ CEAD D'ADON DUINE NÁ D'ADON COMAIRLE DÍOB SIN BEIT PÁIRTEAC I N-AINMNIÚ BREIS IS ADON IARRCÓIR AMÁIN D'OIFIS AN UACтарÁN SAN ADON-TOГCÁIN.

4° TIS LE HAON DUINE ATÁ NÓ A BÍ INA UACтарÁN É PÉIN D'AINMNIÚ D'OIFIS AN UACтарÁN.

5° NUAIR NÁ HAINMNIГTEAR D'OIFIS AN UACтарÁN AC ADON IARRCÓIR AMÁIN, NÍ SÁBAD BÓTÁIL CUN É TOГA.

5. PÁ CUIMSIÚ FORÁILTÍ AN AIRTEAGAIL SEO IS LE DLIGEAD RIAGLÓCAR TOГCÁIN D'OIFIS AN UACтарÁN.

6. 1° NÍ CEAD AN TUACтарÁN DO BEIT INA COMALTA DE DÁIL ÉIREANN NÁ DE SEANAD ÉIREANN.

2° MÁ TOГTAR COMALTA DE CEACтар DE TISCTIB AN OIREACтAIS CUN BEIT INA UACтарÁN, NÍ POLÁIR A MEAS GO BPUIL SCARТА AIGE LE COMALTAS AN TIGE SIN.

3° NÍ CEAD DON UACтарÁN ADON OIFIS NÁ POST SOCAIR DO BEIT AIGE SEACAS A OIFIS UACтарÁN.

7. NÍ POLÁIR DON CEAD UACтарÁN DUL I ГCÚRAM A OIFISE COM LUAT AGUS IS PÉDIR É TAR ÉIS É TOГA, AGUS NÍ POLÁIR DO SÁC UACтарÁN DÁ ÉIS SIN DUL I ГCÚRAM A OIFISE AN LÁ I NÓIAD DEIREAD TEARMA OIFISE A RÉAM-TEACтAIDE NÓ COM LUAT AGUS IS PÉDIR É DÁ ÉIS SIN NÓ, MÁ TÁRLUIГEANN DÁ RÉAM-TEACтAIDE GO ГCUIRPEAR AS OIFIS É NÓ GO N-ÉAGPAID NÓ GO N-ÉIREOCAD AS OIFIS NÓ NEACтар ACA GO NГEOBAD MÍTREOIR BUAN É AGUS GO SUIDPEAR SIN MAR SOCRUIГTEAR LE HALT 3 DEN AIRTEAGAL SO, COM LUAT AGUS IS PÉDIR É TAR ÉIS AN TOГCÁIN.



**Article 12** (*continued*).

8. The President shall enter upon his office by taking and subscribing publicly, in the presence of members of both Houses of the Oireachtas, of Judges of the Supreme Court and of the High Court, and other public personages, the following declaration:—

“In the presence of Almighty God I do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will maintain the Constitution of Ireland and uphold its laws, that I will fulfil my duties faithfully and conscientiously in accordance with the Constitution and the law, and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Ireland. May God direct and sustain me.”

9. The President shall not leave the State during his term of office save with the consent of the Government.

10. 1° The President may be impeached for stated misbehaviour

2° The charge shall be preferred by either of the Houses of the Oireachtas, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this section.

3° A proposal to either House of the Oireachtas to prefer a charge against the President under this section shall not be entertained unless upon a notice of motion in writing signed by not less than thirty members of that House.

4° No such proposal shall be adopted by either of the Houses of the Oireachtas save upon a resolution of that House supported by not less than two-thirds of the total membership thereof.

5° When a charge has been preferred by either House of the Oireachtas, the other House shall investigate the charge, or cause the charge to be investigated.

6° The President shall have the right to appear and to be represented at the investigation of the charge.

7° If, as a result of the investigation, a resolution be passed supported by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the House of the Oireachtas by which the charge was



## AIRTEAGAL 12 (AR LEANAMHAINC).

8. Is é slíge a rachair an tuactarán i gcúram a oifige ná leis an dearbhadh so leanas do d'éanamh go poiblíde agus a lámh do cur leis i b'fianaise comaltaí den dá tíg den Oireachtas, agus breiteamna den Cúirt Uachtaraísh agus den Árd-Cúirc agus maite poiblíde eile:—

“1. Láchair Dia na n-uile-cumáct, táimse, , dá sheallamhaint agus dá dearbhadh go sollamanta is go fírinneac beic im taca agus im díom do bunreacht Éireann, agus a dlíste do éadonna, mo dualgas do comhlionadh go oílis coimsiasac do réir an bunreacata is an dlíste, agus mo lán-dícheall a d'éanamh ar son leasa is fósnamh muintir na hÉireann. Dia dom stiúradh agus dom cumhadh.”

9. Ní cead don Uachtarán imeáct ón Stát le linn é beic i n-oifis, ac amáin le toil an Riasaltais.

10. 1<sup>o</sup> Féadfar an tuactarán do táinseam as uet mí-iomcáir a luadfar.

2<sup>o</sup> Ceactar de tígtib an Oireacatais a d'éanfas an cúisiú agus is fá cumsiú agus do réir foráiltí an ailt seo d'éanfar é.

3<sup>o</sup> Má tairgshear do ceactar de tígtib an Oireacatais cúis do tabairt i n-aghair an Uachtaráin fán alt so ní cead aird do tabairt ar an dtairgsint sin ac amáin de barr fósra tairgseana i scríbhinn fá lámh tríoca comalta ar a laigead den Tígh sin.

4<sup>o</sup> Ní cead do ceactar de tígtib an Oireacatais glacadh le haon tairgsint den tsórt sin ac amáin de barr rúin ón Tígh sin le n-a mbeidh tacaídeact dá dtrian ar a laigead dá lán-comaltas.

5<sup>o</sup> Má d'éanann ceactar de tígtib an Oireacatais cúisiú fán alt so ní foláir don Tígh eile an cúis do scrúdadh nó an cúis do cur dá scrúdadh.

6<sup>o</sup> Beidh de ceart as an Uachtarán beic i láchair agus luét tagartha do beic aige ar an scrúdadh sin.

7<sup>o</sup> Más é toradh an scrúda sin go rithear rúin, le tacaídeact dá dtrian ar a laigead de lán-comaltas an Tígh den Oireachtas do scrúdúis



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investigated, or caused to be investigated, declaring that the charge preferred against the President has been sustained and that the misbehaviour, the subject of the charge, was such as to render him unfit to continue in office, such resolution shall operate to remove the President from his office.

11. 1° The President shall have an official residence in or near the City of Dublin.
- 2° The President shall receive such emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.
- 3° The emoluments and allowances of the President shall not be diminished during his term of office.

**Article 13.**

1. 1° The President shall, on the nomination of Dáil Eireann, appoint the Taoiseach, that is, the head of the Government or Prime Minister.
- 2° The President shall, on the nomination of the Taoiseach with the previous approval of Dáil Eireann, appoint the other members of the Government.
- 3° The President shall, on the advice of the Taoiseach, accept the resignation or terminate the appointment of any member of the Government.
2. 1° Dáil Eireann shall be summoned and dissolved by the President on the advice of the Taoiseach.
- 2° The President may in his absolute discretion refuse to dissolve Dáil Eireann on the advice of a Taoiseach who has ceased to retain the support of a majority in Dáil Eireann.
- 3° The President may at any time, after consultation with the Council of State, convene a meeting of either or both of the Houses of the Oireachtas.
3. 1° Every Bill passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas shall require the signature of the President for its enactment into law.
- 2° The President shall promulgate every law made by the Oireachtas.
4. The supreme command of the Defence Forces is hereby vested in the President.



## AIRTEAGAL 12 (AR LEANAMAINC).

an cúis nó do cuir an cúis dá scrúdú, dá dtearbhú  
 gur suiréad an cúis a tugadh i n-ádh an Uaétaráin  
 agus, an mí-ioméar ba shócáir don cúisiú, gur  
 mí-ioméar é go bfuil an tUaétarán neam-oireadnád  
 dá dteascadh cun fanamaint i seilb oifige, isé is  
 fearm don rún sin an tUaétarán do cur as oifis.

11. 1° Beid stáit-árus as an Uaétarán i scatair  
 Baile Átha Cliath nó ar a comgar.  
 2° Seodair an tUaétarán sócáir agus allúntais  
 fá mar cinnfead le dligeadh.  
 3° Ní cead laigú do déanam ar sócáir ná ar  
 allúntais an Uaétaráin le linn é beic i n-oifis.

## AIRTEAGAL 13.

1. 1° Ceapfar an tUaétarán an Taoiseach .i. an  
 Ceann Rialtais nó an Príom-Aire, ar n-a  
 ainmniú sin as Dáil Éireann.  
 2° Ar n-a n-ainmniú as an Taoiseach, le comhontad  
 Dáil Éireann roim ré, ceapfar an tUaétarán na  
 comaltaí eile den Rialtas.  
 3° Ar comairle an Taoisigh ní foláir don  
 Uaétarán glacad le haon comalta den Rialtas  
 d'éirge as oifis, nó comalta ar bit den Rialtas  
 do cur as oifis.
2. 1° Is é an tUaétarán, ar comairle an Taoisigh,  
 a comórfas agus a lán-scoirfeas Dáil Éireann.  
 2° Tis leis an Uaétarán, as a comairle féin,  
 díúlta do Dáil Éireann do lán-scor ar comairle  
 Taoisigh ná leanann tromlaic i nDáil Éireann de beic  
 i dtacaróeact leis.  
 3° Tis leis an Uaétarán uair ar bit, tar éis  
 comairle do glacad leis an tComairle Stáit,  
 ceactar de tighib an Oireadtais, nó iad araon, do  
 comórad.
3. 1° Sac Bille rittear nó a meastar a rithead  
 as dá tis an Oireadtais ní foláir lán an Uaétaráin  
 do beic leis cun é actú ina dligeadh.  
 2° Sac dligeadh dá ndéanfar an tOireadtais  
 ní foláir don Uaétarán é fósairt.
4. leis seo cuirtear na fórsaí Cosanta fá árd-  
 ceannas an Uaétaráin.



**Article 13** (*continued*).

5. 1° The exercise of the supreme command of the Defence Forces shall be regulated by law.  
  
2° All commissioned officers of the Defence Forces shall hold their commissions from the President.
6. The right of pardon and the power to commute or remit punishment imposed by any court exercising criminal jurisdiction are hereby vested in the President, but such power of commutation or remission may, except in capital cases, also be conferred by law on other authorities.
7. 1° The President may, after consultation with the Council of State, communicate with the Houses of the Oireachtas by message or address on any matter of national or public importance.  
  
2° The President may, after consultation with the Council of State, address a message to the Nation at any time on any such matter.  
  
3° Every such message or address must, however, have received the approval of the Government.
8. 1° The President shall not be answerable to either House of the Oireachtas or to any court for the exercise and performance of the powers and functions of his office or for any act done or purporting to be done by him in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions.  
  
2° The behaviour of the President may, however, be brought under review in either of the Houses of the Oireachtas for the purposes of section 10 of Article 12 of this Constitution, or by any court, tribunal or body appointed or designated by either of the Houses of the Oireachtas for the investigation of a charge under section 10 of the said Article.
9. The powers and functions conferred on the President by this Constitution shall be exercisable and performable by him only on the advice of the Government, save where it is provided by this Constitution that he shall act in his absolute discretion or after consultation with or in relation to the Council of



AIRTEAGAL 13 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

5. 1<sup>o</sup> An t-ÁRÓ-CEANNAS AR NA FÓRSAÍB COSANTA IS LE DLIGEADÓ A RIAGLÓCAR AN MOÓ AR A N-OIBREOCHAR É.

2<sup>o</sup> Is ón UAÉTARÁN A BEIRÉ A ŠAIRM AS ŠADÓ OIFISEADÓ ŠARMA DE NA FÓRSAÍB COSANTA.

6. BEIRTEAR DON UAÉTARÁN LEIS SEO CEART MAITEAMHNAČAIS, AGUS CUMÁCT CÚN MAOLUIŠTE NÓ LOŠČA PIONÓIS A ŠEARRČAR AR DÁOINIB I N-AON CÚIRT DLIŠINSE COIRE, AC, TAÓB AMUIŠ DE ČÁSANNA BREITE BÁIS, FÉADPAR AN CUMÁCT MAOLUIŠTE NÓ LOŠČA SIN DO ČABAIRTE LE DLIGEADÓ D'UŠDARÁSAIB EILE PREISIN.

7. 1<sup>o</sup> TIS LEIS AN UAÉTARÁN, TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACADÓ LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, TEACHTAIREADÓ NÓ AITČEASC DO ČUR CÚN AN OIREADČAIS I DTAÓB AON NÍ A BPUIL TÁBÁCT NÁISIÚNTA NÓ TÁBÁCT POIBLIDÉ ANN.

2<sup>o</sup> TIS LEIS AN UAÉTARÁN UAIR AR BIT, TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACADÓ LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, TEACHTAIREADÓ DO ČUR FÁ BRÁŠAID AN NÁISIÚIN I DTAÓB AON NÍ DEN TSÓRT SIN.

3<sup>o</sup> AC I NŠAD ČÁS DÍOB SIN NÍ POLÁIR AN RIAŠALTAS DO BEIT ŠÁSTA ROM RÉ LEIS AN DTEACHTAIREADÓ NÓ LEIS AN AITČEASC.

8. 1<sup>o</sup> NÍL AN TUAÉTARÁN FREŠARTAC D'AON TIS DEN OIREADČTAS NÁ D'AON CÚIRT I N-OIBRIÚ IS I ŠCOMHLIONADÓ CUMÁCT IS FEADMANNA A OIFISE NÁ I N-AON ŠNÍOM DÁ NÓÉANANN SÉ NÓ A BEIREANN LE TUIŠSINT ŠUR ŠNÍOM É A DÓÉANANN SÉ I N-OIBRIÚ AGUS I ŠCOMHLIONADÓ NA ŠCUMÁCT IS NA BFEADMANNA SIN.

2<sup>o</sup> AC FÉADPAR IOMČAR AN UAÉTARÁIN DO ČUR FÁ LEIRMEAS I ŠCEADČAR DE ČIŠČIB AN OIREADČAIS CÚN CRÍČEANNA AILT 10 D'AIRTEAGAL 12 DEN DUNREADÓ SO, NÓ AS AON CÚIRT, BINNSE NÓ COMLUČT A CEAPPAR NÓ A AINMNEOČAR AS CEADČAR DE ČIŠČIB AN OIREADČAIS CÚN CÚIS FÁ AILT 10 DEN AIRTEAGAL SIN DO SCRÚDADÓ.

9. TAÓB AMUIŠ DE ČÁS DÁ SOCRUIŠTEAR LEIS AN MDUNREADÓ SO ŠO NŠNÍOMÓČAID AN TUAÉTARÁN AS A COMAIRLE FEIN, NÓ TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACADÓ LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, NÓ ŠO NŠNÍOMÓČAID SÉ I DTAÓB NÍ A BAINÉAS LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, NÓ



**Article 13** (*continued*).

State, or on the advice or nomination of, or on receipt of any other communication from, any other person or body.

10. Subject to this Constitution, additional powers and functions may be conferred on the President by law.
11. No power or function conferred on the President by law shall be exercisable or performable by him save only on the advice of the Government.

**Article 14.**

1. In the event of the absence of the President, or his temporary incapacity, or his permanent incapacity established as provided by section 3 of Article 12 hereof, or in the event of his death, resignation, removal from office, or failure to exercise and perform the powers and functions of his office or any of them, or at any time at which the office of President may be vacant, the powers and functions conferred on the President by this Constitution shall be exercised and performed by a Commission constituted as provided in section 2 of this Article.

2. 1<sup>o</sup> The Commission shall consist of the following persons, namely, the Chief Justice, the Chairman of Dáil Eireann (*An Ceann Comhairle*), and the Chairman of Seanad Eireann.

2<sup>o</sup> The President of the High Court shall act as a member of the Commission in the place of the Chief Justice on any occasion on which the office of Chief Justice is vacant or on which the Chief Justice is unable to act.

3<sup>o</sup> The Deputy Chairman of Dáil Eireann shall act as a member of the Commission in the place of the Chairman of Dáil Eireann on any occasion on which the office of Chairman of Dáil Eireann is vacant or on which the said Chairman is unable to act.



## AIRTEAGAL 13 (AR LEANAMÁINT).

AR COMAIRLE nó ainmniú don Duine nó don Dreama eile, nó ar don scéala eile o'fáil ó don Duine nó don Dream eile, is ar comairle an Rialtais amáin is ceo don Uachtarán na cumácta agus na feomanna a beirtear oó leis an mDunreacht so o'ibriú is do coimlionaó.

10. fÁ cuimsiú an Dunreacht so feofar tuilleoó cumáct agus feomanna do tabairt don Uachtarán le oigheoó.
11. Ní ceo don Uachtarán don cumáct ná feom oá mbronnatar air le oigheoó o'ibriú ná do coimlionaó ac amáin ar comairle an Rialtais.

## AIRTEAGAL 14.

1. Má bíonn an tuachtarán as látair nó má bíonn ar mítreoir so sealaoac, nó má bíonn ar mítreoir so buan agus so suiopear sin mar socruighear le halt 3 o'Airteagal 12 den Dunreacht so, nó má tárluigheann é o'éas nó é o'éirge as oifis nó é do cur as oifis, nó má teipeann air cumácta is feomanna a oifise nó don ceann oíob o'ibriú is do coimlionaó, nó má bíonn oifis an Uachtaráin folam, is Coimisiún a beas coimóeanta mar socruighear i n-alt 2 den Airteagal so oibreocas is coimlionaas na cumácta is na feomanna bronnatar ar an Uachtarán leis an mDunreacht so.

2. 1° is iao na daoine seo leanas an Coimisiún,
  1. an Prím-Öreiteam, Caaoirleac Óail Éireann (An Ceann Comairle) agus Caaoirleac Seanao Éireann.

2° Sníomócaio Uachtarán na hÁro-Cúirte ina comalta den Coimisiún i n-ionao an Prím-Öreitim don uair a beas oifis an Prím-Öreitim folam nó a beas an Prím-Öreiteam san beic i scumas sníomuihte.

3° Sníomócaio Leas-Caaoirleac Óail Éireann ina comalta den Coimisiún i n-ionao Caaoirleac Óail Éireann don uair a beas oifis Caaoirleac Óail Éireann folam nó a beas an Caaoirleac sin san beic i scumas sníomuihte.



**Article 14** (*continued*).

- 4° The Deputy Chairman of Seanad Eireann shall act as a member of the Commission in the place of the Chairman of Seanad Eireann on any occasion on which the office of Chairman of Seanad Eireann is vacant or on which the said Chairman is unable to act.
3. The Commission may act by any two of their number and may act notwithstanding a vacancy in their membership.
4. The Council of State may by a majority of its members make such provision as to them may seem meet for the exercise and performance of the powers and functions conferred on the President by this Constitution in any contingency which is not provided for by the foregoing provisions of this Article.
5. 1° The provisions of this Constitution which relate to the exercise and performance by the President of the powers and functions conferred on him by this Constitution shall subject to the subsequent provisions of this section apply to the exercise and performance of the said powers and functions under this Article.

2° In the event of the failure of the President to exercise or perform any power or function which the President is by this Constitution required to exercise or perform within a specified time, the said power or function shall be exercised or performed under this Article, as soon as may be after the expiration of the time so specified.

## THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT.

**Constitution and Powers.****Article 15.**

1. 1° The National Parliament shall be called and known, and is in this Constitution generally referred to, as the Oireachtas.
- 2° The Oireachtas shall consist of the President and two Houses, viz.: a House of Representatives to be called Dáil Eireann and a Senate to be called Seanad Eireann.



**AIRTEAGAL 14** (AR LEANAMHANT).

4<sup>o</sup> Gníomócairí Leas - Cañaoirleac Seanao Éireann ina comalta den Coimisiún i n-ionao Cañaoirleac Seanao Éireann aon uair a beas oifis Cañaoirleac Seanao Éireann folamh nó a beas an Cañaoirleac sin san beic i gcumas gníomuiçte.

3. Is oleaçtaç den Coimisiún gníomú trí beirt ar biç dá líon agus gníomú o'ainíoeoin folamhantais ina gcomaltas.

4. Féadfaí an Coimairle Stáit, le tromlaç dá gcomaltaib, cibé socrú is oirceas leo do déanamh eun na cumacta agus na feaomanna bronntar ar an Uachtarán leis an mBunreacht so o'oiriú is do coimlíonaç i n-aon cás ná déantar socrú ina coimair leis na foráiltib sin romáinn den Airteagal so.

5. 1<sup>o</sup> Na foráiltí den Bunreacht so a baineas leis an Uachtarán o'oiriú is do coimlíonaç na gcumact is na feaomanna a bronntar air leis an mBunreacht so bainfí, fá cuimsiú na bforáiltí i n-ar n-iairí den alt so, le hoibriú is le coimlíonaç na gcumact is na feaomanna san fán Airteagal so.

2<sup>o</sup> Má teipeann ar an Uachtarán aon cumact nó fearóm o'oiriú nó do coimlíonaç naç foláir dó, do réir an Bunreaceta so, í o'oiriú nó do coimlíonaç fá ceann aimsire luairítear, ní foláir í o'oiriú nó do coimlíonaç fán Airteagal so com luac agus is fearoir é tar éis na haimsire luairítear amlaí.

AN PÁRLAIMINT NAISIÚNTA.

COIMÍEANAÍM AGUS CUMACTA.

**AIRTEAGAL 15.**

1. 1<sup>o</sup> An toireactas is ainm don Párlaimint Náisiúnta, agus sin é a beirtear uiréi de gnaç sa Bunreacht so.

2<sup>o</sup> An tUachtarán agus dá tíg atá insan Oireactas : tíg ionadóirí ar a dtugtar Dáil Éireann, agus Seanao ar a dtugtar Seanao Éireann.



**Article 15** (*continued*).

3° The Houses of the Oireachtas shall sit in or near the City of Dublin or in such other place as they may from time to time determine.

2. 1° The sole and exclusive power of making laws for the State is hereby vested in the Oireachtas: no other legislative authority has power to make laws for the State.

2° Provision may however be made by law for the creation or recognition of subordinate legislatures and for the powers and functions of these legislatures.

3. 1° The Oireachtas may provide for the establishment or recognition of functional or vocational councils representing branches of the social and economic life of the people.

2° A law establishing or recognising any such council shall determine its rights, powers and duties, and its relation to the Oireachtas and to the Government.

4. 1° The Oireachtas shall not enact any law which is in any respect repugnant to this Constitution or any provision thereof.

2° Every law enacted by the Oireachtas which is in any respect repugnant to this Constitution or to any provision thereof, shall, but to the extent only of such repugnancy, be invalid.

5. The Oireachtas shall not declare acts to be infringements of the law which were not so at the date of their commission.

6. 1° The right to raise and maintain military or armed forces is vested exclusively in the Oireachtas.

2° No military or armed force, other than a military or



AIRTEAGAL 15 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

3<sup>o</sup> Is i gcaitheir Uaile Áta Cliait nó ar a comhgar, nó cibé áit eile ar a gcinnfio ó am go ham, a suirfio Tíste an Oireáctais.

2. 1<sup>o</sup> Beirtear don Oireáctas amáin leis seo an t-aon cumáct eun dlíste do déanamh don Stát; níl cumáct as ugharás reáctairdeácta ar bit eile eun dlíste do déanamh don Stát.

2<sup>o</sup> Ac féadfar socrú do déanamh le dlíste eun fí-reáctais do cur ar bun nó eun glacta leo, agus eun cumácta agus feadomanna na bfeá-reáctas sin do leasú amac.

3. 1<sup>o</sup> Tis leis an Oireáctas socrú do déanamh eun comairlí feadomannais is garma beáto, a ionaduiqeas ranna de shaojal comhdonnac agus de shaojal geilleasrac an pobail, do cur ar bun nó glacta leo.

2<sup>o</sup> Dlíste ar bit le n-a gcuirtear comairle den tsórt sin ar bun nó fá n-a nglactar léi ní foláir léiriú do beic ann ar ceartaib, ar cumáctaib agus ar duálgasai na comairle sin, agus fós ar a comhaint leis an Oireáctas agus leis an Riásh-altas.

4. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní ceat don Oireáctas aon dlíste d'actú a beáto ar aon cuma i n-aghair an Bunreácta so nó i n-aghair aon fóráilte den Bunreáct so.

2<sup>o</sup> I gcás aon dlíste dá n-actócair an tOireáctas do beic ar aon cuma i n-aghair an Bunreácta so nó i n-aghair aon fóráilte den Bunreáct so beir sé gan bail sa méir go mbeir sé i n-aghair an Bunreácta so agus sá méir sin amáin.

5. Ní ceat don Oireáctas a ráto gur sárú dlíste gniomarta nár sárú dlíste iad le linn a ndéanta.

6. 1<sup>o</sup> Is as an Oireáctas amáin atá de ceart fórsaí míleata nó fórsaí armta do bunú agus do cothabáil.

2<sup>o</sup> Ní oleasctac fórsa míleata ná fórsa armta



**Article 15** (*continued*).

armed force raised and maintained by the Oireachtas, shall be raised or maintained for any purpose whatsoever.

7. The Oireachtas shall hold at least one session every year.

8. 1° Sittings of each House of the Oireachtas shall be public.

2° In cases of special emergency, however, either House may hold a private sitting with the assent of two-thirds of the members present.

9. 1° Each House of the Oireachtas shall elect from its members its own Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and shall prescribe their powers and duties.

2° The remuneration of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of each House shall be determined by law.

10. Each House shall make its own rules and standing orders, with power to attach penalties for their infringement, and shall have power to ensure freedom of debate, to protect its official documents and the private papers of its members, and to protect itself and its members against any person or persons interfering with, molesting or attempting to corrupt its members in the exercise of their duties.

11. 1° All questions in each House shall, save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting other than the Chairman or presiding member.

2° The Chairman or presiding member shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.



AIRTEAGAL 15 (ar leanamaint).

AR BIT, SEACAS FÓRSA MÍLEATA NÓ FÓRSA ARMÉA A  
bunúigítear agus a cothabáiltear as an Oireadéas,  
do bunú ná do cothabáil cun críche ar bit.

7. Ní foláir don Oireadéas suíoe uair sa bliadain  
ar a laigead.

8. 1° Is go poiblíoe a suíofíó gac Tis den  
Oireadéas.

2° Ac i gcás práinn speisialta do beic ann, tis  
le ceactar den dá Tis suíoe go príobáíoeac ac  
dá dtrian de na comaltaib a beas i láchair do  
toiliú leis.

9. 1° Toisfaíó gac Tis ar leit den Oireadéas a  
Cañaoirleac agus a leas-Cañaoirleac féin as a  
comaltas féin, agus leasfaíó amac dóib a  
gcuimácta agus a nualgas.

2° Is le dligead a cinnfead tuarastal Cañaoir-  
lis is leas-Cañaoirliş gac Tise ar leit.

10. Déanfaíó gac Tis ar leit a riaglaça agus a  
buan-oroişte féin, agus beíó sé de cumáct as gac  
Tis aca pionós do ceapad do luçt a sáruişte sin;  
beíó sé de cumáct aise fairis sin saoirse aishis  
do cur i n-áiricte, agus a scríbinní oifigeamla féin  
agus páipéir príobáíoeaca a comaltaí do díoin,  
agus pós é féin agus a comaltaí do díoin ar don  
ouine nó ar don dream daoine do déanfad cur-  
isteac nó toirmeasc ar a comaltaib nó do déanfad  
iarract ar iad d'éilliú agus iad as déanam a  
nualgas.

11. 1° Taob amuiş de cás dá socruiştear a malairt  
leis an mDunreac so is é slige a dtabarpar  
breic ar gac ceist i nşac Tis ar leit ná le hurmór  
bótaí na şcomaltaí a beas i láchair agus a déanfas  
bótáil ac şan an Cañaoirleac nó an comalta beas  
i şceannas d'áiream.

2° Más ionann líon na bótaí ar an dá taob  
beíó as an şCañaoirleac, nó as an şcomalta beas  
i şceannas, bóta cinneamna nac foláir do a  
tabairt.



**Article 15** (*continued*).

3<sup>o</sup> The number of members necessary to constitute a meeting of either House for the exercise of its powers shall be determined by its standing orders.

12. All official reports and publications of the Oireachtas or of either House thereof and utterances made in either House wherever published shall be privileged.
13. The members of each House of the Oireachtas shall, except in case of treason as defined in this Constitution, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest in going to and returning from, and while within the precincts of, either House, and shall not, in respect of any utterance in either House, be amenable to any court or any authority other than the House itself.
14. No person may be at the same time a member of both Houses of the Oireachtas, and, if any person who is already a member of either House becomes a member of the other House, he shall forthwith be deemed to have vacated his first seat.
15. The Oireachtas may make provision by law for the payment of allowances to the members of each House thereof in respect of their duties as public representatives and for the grant to them of free travelling and such other facilities (if any) in connection with those duties as the Oireachtas may determine.

**Dáil Eireann.****Article 16.**

1. 1<sup>o</sup> Every citizen without distinction of sex who has reached the age of twenty-one years, and who is not placed under disability or incapacity by this Constitution or by law, shall be eligible for membership of Dáil Eireann.



**AIRTEAGAL 15** (AR LEANAMAINC).

3<sup>o</sup> Is le n-a buan-orduiḡte cinnfead cía an méid comalta a beas riachtanac do tionsól de ceactar den dá tíg cun é beic i gcumas feadma.

12. Gac tuarascbáil agus foillseacán oifigeamail ón Oireactas agus ó Gac Tíg de, maille le caint ar bit dá ndéantar i n-aon Tíg díob, táir saor ar cúrsaib dlíḡib cibé áit a bfoillsiḡtear.
13. Tá comaltaí Gac Tíge den Oireactas saor ar gabáil le linn beic i dtearmann ceactar den dá tíg nó as teact cuise nó as imeact uair, ac amáin i gcás tréasa, mar míniḡtear sa bUnreac so é, nó i gcás feileontaeta nó brisead síotcána; agus cibé caint a déanfar comalta i n-aon Tíg díob ní hioncúisiḡte é mar geall uirt i n-aon cúirt ná as uḡdarás ar bit ac amáin an Tíg féin.
14. Ní cead d'aon duine beic ina comalta de dá tíg an Oireactais san am céadna, agus aon duine beas ina comalta de tíg díob agus so ndéanfar comalta den Tíg eile de, ní foláir a meas láitread so bfuil éiriḡte aise as an gcéad ionad.
15. Tíg leis an Oireactas socrú do déanam le dlíḡead cun allúntais d'íoc le comaltaib Gac Tíge de as uct a ndualḡas i gcáil ionadóirí poiblíde, agus fairis sin taisteal i n-aisce agus cibé áiseanna eile a baineas le n-a ndualḡasaib, mar cinnfró an tOireactas, má cinneann.

**DÁIL ÉIREANN.**

**AIRTEAGAL 16.**

1. 1<sup>o</sup> Gac saoránac, cibé aca fear nó bean, as a bfuil bliadain agus ríce slán agus ná cuirtear fá mícumas nó fá mítreoir leis an mUnreac so ná le dlíḡead, tá sé iontoḡta ar comaltas Dáil Éireann.



**Article 16** (*continued*).

2° Every citizen without distinction of sex who has reached the age of twenty-one years who is not disqualified by law and complies with the provisions of the law relating to the election of members of Dáil Eireann, shall have the right to vote at an election for members of Dáil Eireann.

3° No law shall be enacted placing any citizen under disability or incapacity for membership of Dáil Eireann on the ground of sex or disqualifying any citizen from voting at an election for members of Dáil Eireann on that ground.

4° No voter may exercise more than one vote at an election for Dáil Eireann, and the voting shall be by secret ballot.

2. 1° Dáil Eireann shall be composed of members who represent constituencies determined by law.

2° The number of members shall from time to time be fixed by law, but the total number of members of Dáil Eireann shall not be fixed at less than one member for each thirty thousand of the population, or at more than one member for each twenty thousand of the population.

3° The ratio between the number of members to be elected at any time for each constituency and the population of each constituency, as ascertained at the last preceding census, shall, so far as it is practicable, be the same throughout the country.

4° The Oireachtas shall revise the constituencies at least once in every twelve years, with due regard to changes in distribution of the population, but any alterations in the constituencies shall not take effect during the life of Dáil Eireann sitting when such revision is made.

5° The members shall be elected on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.



## AIRTEAGAL 16 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

2° SÁD SAORÁNAÍ, cibé aca fear nó bean, a bfuil bliadain agus fiche slán agus ná cuirtear fá dícáilíreacht le dlígeadh, agus a coimlíonas coimheallacha an dlíghíó i dtaoibh toiscáin comaltaí do Dáil Éireann, tá ceart bótaíla aige i dtoscán comaltaí do Dáil Éireann.

3° Ní cead don dlígeadh d'achtú do cuirfeadh saoránaí ar bith, toisc gur fear nó toisc gur bean an saoránaí sin, fá mí-cumas nó fá mítreoir maidir le n-a beith ina comalta de Dáil Éireann nó ó beith i dteideal bótaíla i dtoscán comaltaí do Dáil Éireann.

4° Ní cead do toiscóir ar bith tar don bóta amháin do tabairt i dtoscán do Dáil Éireann, agus is le rún-ballóir a déanfar an bótaíl.

2. 1° Ionadóirí do dáil-éanntaibh a socrúigtear le dlígeadh comaltas Dáil Éireann.

2° Socrócar líon comaltaí Dáil Éireann le dlígeadh ó am go ham ac ní cead a lán-líon do beith fá bun comalta i n-aghaidh sá tríocha míle den daonraíó, ná ós cionn comalta i n-aghaidh sá fiche míle den daonraíó.

3° An coimréir a beas ioir an líon comaltaí beas le tosa don trácht le haghaidh sá dáil-éanntaí ar leit agus daonraíó sá dáil-éanntaí ar leit, do réir an daonáirimh is déirdeanaíse dá ndearnadh roime sin, ní foláir í beith ar cothrom, sa méir gur féidir é, ar fuair na dúitche uile.

4° Ní foláir don Oireachtas na dáil-éanntaí d'ait-meas uair ar a laigeadh insan dá bliadain déas a fécáint go cuibhe d'adon a tarruighe ar suirdeam na daonraíó; ac a tarruighe ar bith dá ndéanfar ar na dáil-éanntaibh ní tiocfaidh i bfeiróm i rit ré na dála beas ina suirde le linn an airt-measta sin.

5° Is do réir na hionadairdeachta cionnaire agus ar mó do don-ghóta ionaistrighe a tosfar na comaltaí.



**Article 16** (*continued*).

6° No law shall be enacted whereby the number of members to be returned for any constituency shall be less than three.

3. 1° Dáil Eireann shall be summoned and dissolved as provided by section 2 of Article 13 of this Constitution.

2° A general election for members of Dáil Eireann shall take place not later than thirty days after a dissolution of Dáil Eireann.

4. 1° Polling at every general election for Dáil Eireann shall as far as practicable take place on the same day throughout the country.

2° Dáil Eireann shall meet within thirty days from that polling day.

5. The same Dáil Eireann shall not continue for a longer period than seven years from the date of its first meeting: a shorter period may be fixed by law.

6. Provision shall be made by law to enable the member of Dáil Eireann who is the Chairman immediately before a dissolution of Dáil Eireann to be deemed without any actual election to be elected a member of Dáil Eireann at the ensuing general election.

7. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article, elections for membership of Dáil Eireann, including the filling of casual vacancies, shall be regulated in accordance with law.

**Article 17.**

1. 1° As soon as possible after the presentation to Dáil Eireann under Article 28 of this Constitution of the Estimates of receipts and the Estimates of expenditure of the State for any financial year, Dáil Eireann shall consider such Estimates.



**AIRTEAGAL 16** (AR LEANAMANT).

6° Ní cead oligeadó d'áctú a bheirfadó fá bun trír an líon comaltaí a beas le toḡa d'aon d'áil-ceanntar.

3. 1° Ní foláir d'áil Éireann do comórado agus do lán-scor mar socrúghear le halt 2 d'Airteagal 13 den Bunreacht so.

2° Ní foláir olltoḡcán do comaltaib do d'áil Éireann do beir ann lá naḡ d'érdeanaighe ná tríocá lá tar éis d'áil Éireann do lán-scor.

4. 1° An bótáil do ḡad olltoḡcán ar leit do d'áil Éireann ní foláir í déanam, sa méir ḡur féirir é, an t-aon lá amáin ar fuair na dúitche uile.

2° Ní foláir do d'áil Éireann teacht le céile taob istig de tríocá lá ón lá bótála sin.

5. Ní beir de ré as aon d'áil Éireann ac seacht mbliadna ó lá a céad-tionóil: féadfar ré is ḡiorra ná sin do sócrú le oligeadó.

6. An comalta de d'áil Éireann a beas ina cátaoir-leac díreac roim lán-scor do d'áil Éireann ní foláir sócrú do déanam le oligeadó cun ḡo b'féadfar a meas an comalta sin a beir toḡta do d'áil Éireann insan céad olltoḡcán eile, ḡan é dul fá toḡa.

7. Fá cuimsiú na b'foráiltí sin romáin den Airteagal so is do réir dlíḡíó a riaglócar toḡcáin do comaltas d'áil Éireann, mar aon le líonadó corr-folamantas.

**AIRTEAGAL 17.**

1. 1° Com luac agus is féirir é tar éis na Meastacáin ar fáḡáltas an Stáit agus na Meastacáin ar cáiteam airḡíó an Stáit i ḡcomair aon bliadna airḡeadoais do cur fá bráḡair d'áil Éireann fá Airteagal 28 den Bunreacht so, ní foláir do d'áil Éireann na Meastacáin sin do breaḡnú.



**Article 17** (*continued*).

2° Save in so far as may be provided by specific enactment in each case, the legislation required to give effect to the Financial Resolutions of each year shall be enacted within that year.

2. Dáil Eireann shall not pass any vote or resolution, and no law shall be enacted, for the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys unless the purpose of the appropriation shall have been recommended to Dáil Eireann by a message from the Government signed by the Taoiseach.

**Seanad Eireann.****Article 18.**

1. Seanad Eireann shall be composed of sixty members, of whom eleven shall be nominated members and forty-nine shall be elected members.
2. A person to be eligible for membership of Seanad Eireann must be eligible to become a member of Dáil Eireann.
3. The nominated members of Seanad Eireann shall be nominated by the Taoiseach with their prior consent.
4. The elected members of Seanad Eireann shall be elected as follows:—
  - i. Three shall be elected by the National University of Ireland.
  - ii. Three shall be elected by the University of Dublin.
  - iii. Forty-three shall be elected from panels of candidates constituted as hereinafter provided.
5. Every election of the elected members of Seanad Eireann shall be held on the system of proportional representation by



## AIRTEAGAL 17 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

2<sup>o</sup> An reáctaireadé a b'as riáctanac éun feirom  
 oisig do tábairt do Rún Airgeadais saé bliadna  
 ar leit ní foláir i aétú an bliadain sin féin  
 ac amáin sa méir go mbeir a málairt socair i  
 otaob saé cás ar leit i n-aétaacán cuise sin.

2. Ní oleástaé do Dáil Éireann bóta ná rún do  
 rit, ná ní oleástaé don oisig do 'aétú, éun  
 leit-sabáil do déanam ar stát-cíos ná ar airgead  
 poiblíde ar bit eile, muna mbeir teáctaireadé as  
 Dáil Éireann ón Riáaltas fá láim an Taoisig  
 as molaó críce na leit-sabála dóib.

## SEANAD ÉIREANN.

## AIRTEAGAL 18.

1. Seasca comalta líon Seanad Éireann, .i. don  
 duine déas a ainmneócar agus naonbar is dá  
 píció a toípar.
2. Ionnas go mbeir duine ionglacta ar comaltas  
 Seanad Éireann ní foláir é beir ionglacta ar  
 comaltas Dáil Éireann.
3. Na comaltaí ainmneócar do Seanad Éireann is  
 é an Taoiseac a ainmneócas iad le réam-éad  
 uata féin.
4. Na comaltaí a toípar do Seanad Éireann, is ar  
 an scuma so leanas a toípar iad:—
  - i. Toípar Ollscoil na hÉireann triúr.
  - ii. Toípar Ollscoil Baile Áta Cliaí triúr.
  - iii. Toípar an toíluéct a luaitéar annso i  
 n-ar noiair triúr is dá píció as rollaib  
 do 'iarrtóirib a cóireócar ar an scuma a  
 socruítear annso i n-ar noiair.
5. Saé toíacán dá mbeir ann do na comaltaib a  
 toípar do Seanad Éireann is do réir na hionad-



**Article 18** (*continued*).

means of the single transferable vote, and by secret postal ballot.

6. The members of Seanad Eireann to be elected by the Universities shall be elected on a franchise and in the manner to be provided by law.

7. 1<sup>o</sup> Before each general election of the members of Seanad Eireann to be elected from panels of candidates, five panels of candidates shall be formed in the manner provided by law containing respectively the names of persons having knowledge and practical experience of the following interests and services, namely:—

i. National Language and Culture, Literature, Art, Education and such professional interests as may be defined by law for the purpose of this panel;

ii. Agriculture and allied interests, and Fisheries;

iii. Labour, whether organised or unorganised;

iv. Industry and Commerce, including banking, finance, accountancy, engineering and architecture;

v. Public Administration and social services, including voluntary social activities.

2<sup>o</sup> Not more than eleven and, subject to the provisions of Article 19 hereof, not less than five members of Seanad Eireann shall be elected from any one panel.

8. A general election for Seanad Eireann shall take place not later than ninety days after a dissolution of Dáil Eireann, and the first meeting of Seanad Eireann after the general election shall take place on a day to be fixed by the President on the advice of the Taoiseach.

9. Every member of Seanad Eireann shall, unless he previously dies, resigns, or becomes disqualified, continue to hold office



## AIRTEAGAL 18 (AR LEANAÍMINT).

AIÐEACTA CIONNAIRE A DÉANFAR É AGUS AR MÓD AN AON-ŠOĈA IONAISTRIĜTE, LE RÚN-BALLÓIO PUIST.

6. NA COMALTAÍ A TOĜPAR DO ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN AS NA HOLLSCOLAIB IS DO RÉIR TOĜ-ĆÓRAIS, AGUS AR AN MÓD, A SOCRÓCAR LE DLIĜEAD A TOĜPAR IAD.

7. 1<sup>o</sup> ROIM ĜAC OLLTOĜCÁN DO NA COMALTAIB DO ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN A TOĜPAR AS ROLLAIB D'IARRĆÓIRIB CÓIREÓCAR AR AN ĜCUMA SOCRÓCAR LE DLIĜEAD CÚIS ROLLAÍ D'IARRĆÓIRIB AR A MBEIÐ AINMNEACA DAOINE AS A MBEIÐ EOLAS AGUS CLEACTAD AR NA ĜNÓĈAIB AGUS NA SEIRBÍSIB SEO LEANAS FÁ SEAC:—

- i. AN ĜAEÓILĜ AGUS AN TSADAIÐEACT NÁISIÚNTA, LITRIÐEACT, EALAÐNACT, OIÐEACAS AGUS PÉ ĜARMA A LÉIREÓCAR LE DLIĜEAD CUN CRÍCE AN ROLLA SO;
- ii. TALMAIÐEACT, MAILLE LE ĜNÓĈAIB A BAINAS LÉI, AGUS LASCAIREACT;
- iii. OIBREACAS, CIBÉ COMEASĜRUIĜTE É NÓ NAC EAD;
- iv. TIONNSCAL IS TRÁCTÁIL AR A N-ÁIRIMĈEAR BANNAERAECT, AIRĜEADAS, CUNNTASAIÐEACT, INNEALLĆÓIREACT AGUS FOIRĜNIÐEACT;
- v. RIARAĆÁN POIBLIÐE AGUS SEIRBÍSÍ COM-ÐAONNACA, AGUS OBAIR COMÐAONNAC ÐEONTAC D'ÁIREAM.

2<sup>o</sup> NÍ CEAD NÍOS MÓ NÁ AON DUINE ÐÉAS NÁ, FÁ CUIMSIÚ FORÁILTÍ AIRTEAGAIL 19 DEN ÐUNREACT SO, NÍOS LUĜA NÁ CÚISEAR DE COMALTAIB ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN DO TOĜA AS AON ROLLA ÁIRIĆE.

8. NÍ FOLÁIR OLLTOĜCÁN DO ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN DO ÐEIT ANN LÁ NAC ÐEIRÐEANAISĜE NÁ NÓCA LÁ D'ÉIS LÁN-SCOR DO ÐÁIL ÉIREANN, AGUS NÍ FOLÁIR DO ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN TEACT LE CÉILE AR CÉAD-TIONÓL TAR ÉIS AN OLLTOĜCÁIN LÁ A CINNFIÐ AN TULACTARÁN CUIĜE AR COMAIRLE AN TAOISIĜ.

9. LEANFAIÐ ĜAC COMALTA DE ŠEANAÐ ÉIREANN DÁ OIFIS, MUNA N-ÉASAIÐ NÓ MUNA N-ÉIRĜIÐ AS OIFIS NÓ



**Article 18** (*continued*).

until the day before the polling day of the general election for Seanad Eireann next held after his election or nomination.

10. 1° Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article elections of the elected members of Seanad Eireann shall be regulated by law.

2° Casual vacancies in the number of the nominated members of Seanad Eireann shall be filled by nomination by the Taoiseach with the prior consent of persons so nominated.

3° Casual vacancies in the number of the elected members of Seanad Eireann shall be filled in the manner provided by law.

**Article 19.**

Provision may be made by law for the direct election by any functional or vocational group or association or council of so many members of Seanad Eireann as may be fixed by such law in substitution for an equal number of the members to be elected from the corresponding panels of candidates constituted under Article 18 of this Constitution.

**Legislation.****Article 20.**

1. Every Bill initiated in and passed by Dáil Eireann shall be sent to Seanad Eireann and may, unless it be a Money Bill, be amended in Seanad Eireann and Dáil Eireann shall consider any such amendment.

2. 1° A Bill other than a Money Bill may be initiated in Seanad Eireann, and if passed by Seanad Eireann, shall be introduced in Dáil Eireann.



**AIRTEAGAL 18** (AR LEANAMHANT).

muna n'áilighítear é, go dtí an lá roimh lá na bótála don olltoiscán is tuisce beas ann do Seanad Éireann d'éis é tosa nó é d'ainmniú.

10. 1<sup>o</sup> fá cuimsiú na bforáiltí sin roimh den Airteagal so, is do réir dlí a rialócar sa toiscán do na comaltaí a tostar do Seanad Éireann.

2<sup>o</sup> is le hainmniú ón Taoiseach a líonfar corrfólamantais i líon na scomaltaí ainmighítear do Seanad Éireann, le réam-éad na n-aoine ainmneóchar.

3<sup>o</sup> is ar an gcuma a socrúighítear le dlí a líonfar corrfólamantais i líon na scomaltaí a tostar do Seanad Éireann.

**AIRTEAGAL 19.**

féadfar socrú do déanam le dlí a ionnas go bfeadfar don dream feadma nó sarma bea, nó don comluet nó comairle feadma nó sarma bea, an oiread comaltaí do Seanad Éireann do tosa go lom-oiread agus a cinnfead leis an dlí sin, in ionad an oirio éadna de na comaltaí a tostar as na com-rolaí d'iarroirí a cóireócar fá Airteagal 18 den Bunreacht so.

**REACTAIDHEACT.****AIRTEAGAL 20.**

1. ní foláir sa Bille a tionnsantar i nDáil Éireann agus a rittear as Dáil Éireann do cur go Seanad Éireann agus, muna Bille airgid é, tís le Seanad Éireann é leasú, agus ní foláir do Dáil Éireann don leasú den tsórt sin do breahtú.

2. 1<sup>o</sup> is dleacht Bille na Bille airgid é do tionnsanam i Seanad Éireann, agus má ritteann Seanad Éireann é ní foláir é tabairt isteach i nDáil Éireann.



**Article 20** (*continued*).

2° A Bill initiated in Seanad Eireann if amended in Dáil Eireann shall be considered as a Bill initiated in Dáil Eireann.

3. A Bill passed by either House and accepted by the other House shall be deemed to have been passed by both Houses.

*Money Bills.***Article 21.**

1. 1° Money Bills shall be initiated in Dáil Eireann only.

2° Every Money Bill passed by Dáil Eireann shall be sent to Seanad Eireann for its recommendations.

2. 1° Every Money Bill sent to Seanad Eireann for its recommendations shall, at the expiration of a period not longer than twenty-one days after it shall have been sent to Seanad Eireann, be returned to Dáil Eireann, which may accept or reject all or any of the recommendations of Seanad Eireann.

2° If such Money Bill is not returned by Seanad Eireann to Dáil Eireann within such twenty-one days or is returned within such twenty-one days with recommendations which Dáil Eireann does not accept, it shall be deemed to have been passed by both Houses at the expiration of the said twenty-one days.

**Article 22.**

1. 1° A Money Bill means a Bill which contains only provisions dealing with all or any of the following matters, namely, the imposition, repeal, remission, alteration or regulation of taxation; the imposition for the payment of debt or other financial purposes of charges on public moneys or the variation or repeal of any such charges; supply; the appropriation, receipt, custody, issue or audit of accounts of public money; the raising or guarantee of any loan or the



**AIRTEAGAL 20** (ar leanamaint).

2° Má tionnscantar Bille i Seanad Éireann agus go leasúigeann Dáil Éireann é, ní foláir é breathnú mar breathnócaí Bille a tionnscnócaí i nDáil Éireann.

3. Bille a rittear as ceachtar den dá tís agus le n-a nglacann an tís eile ní foláir a meas gur rithead é as an dá tís.

**BILLÍ AIRGID.**

**AIRTEAGAL 21.**

1. 1° Is i nDáil Éireann amháin is cead Billí Airgid do tionnscam.

2° Ní foláir sac Bille Airgid a rittear as Dáil Éireann do cur go Seanad Éireann o'iarrad a moltaí ina taob.

2. 1° Sac Bille Airgid a cuirtear go Seanad Éireann o'iarrad a moltaí ina taob, ní foláir é cur ar ais go Dáil Éireann i gceann tréimse nac sia ná lá agus píce tar éis an Bille do cur go Seanad Éireann, agus tís le Dáil Éireann iomlán na moltaí ó Seanad Éireann nó don cur díob do glacad nó do díúltao.

2° Muna gcuirtear an Bille Airgid sin ar ais ó Seanad Éireann go Dáil Éireann taob istis den lá agus píce sin, nó má cuirtear ar ais é taob istis den lá agus píce sin mar don le moltaí ná glacann Dáil Éireann leo, ní foláir a meas gur rit an dá tís i gcionn an lae agus píce sin é.

**AIRTEAGAL 22.**

1. 1° Is é is ciall do Bille Airgid Bille ná bíonn ann ac foráiltí le haíad iomlán na n-aobbar so leanas nó don cur aca .i. cánaças do gearrad, o'aisgairm, do loíad, o'atarrú nó do riaglá; muirir do leíad ar airgidib poiblíde gun fiaca o'íoc nó cun cuspóirí eile airgeadais, nó a leitéirí sin de muirir o'atarrú nó o'aisgairm; solácar; airgead poiblíde do leic-sabáil, do glacad,



**Article 22** (*continued*).

repayment thereof; matters subordinate and incidental to these matters or any of them.

2° In this definition the expressions "taxation", "public money" and "loan" respectively do not include any taxation, money or loan raised by local authorities or bodies for local purposes.

2. 1° The Chairman of Dáil Eireann shall certify any Bill which, in his opinion, is a Money Bill to be a Money Bill, and his certificate shall, subject to the subsequent provisions of this section, be final and conclusive.

2° Seanad Eireann, by a resolution, passed at a sitting at which not less than thirty members are present, may request the President to refer the question whether the Bill is or is not a Money Bill to a Committee of Privileges.

3° If the President after consultation with the Council of State decides to accede to the request he shall appoint a Committee of Privileges consisting of an equal number of members of Dáil Eireann and of Seanad Eireann and a Chairman who shall be a Judge of the Supreme Court: these appointments shall be made after consultation with the Council of State. In the case of an equality of votes but not otherwise the Chairman shall be entitled to vote.

4° The President shall refer the question to the Committee of Privileges so appointed and the Committee shall report its decision thereon to the President within twenty-one days after the day on which the Bill was sent to Seanad Eireann.

5° The decision of the Committee shall be final and conclusive.

6° If the President after consultation with the Council of State decides not to accede to the request of Seanad Eireann, or if the Committee of Privileges fails to report within the



AIRTEAGAL 22 (ar leanamaint).

DO CHOIMEÁIL NÓ D'EISEAMÁINT, NÓ CUNNTAIS AIR D'INIÚCÁDÓ; DON IASACHT DO ÉRUINNÍÚ NÓ DO RÁCÚ NÓ D'AIISIÓC; FÓ-ADDBAIR A BPUIL BAINTE ACA LEIS NA NEITIB SIN NÓ LE HAON CUIO ACA.

2° INSAN MÍNIÚ SIN NÍ ÁIRIMTEAR FÁ NA FOCLAIB "CÁNAČAS", "AIRGEAD POIBLÍOE" AGUS "IASACHT," FÁ SEAC, DON CÁNAČAS, AIRGEAD NÁ IASACHT A ÉRUINNÍGIÓ UGĐARÁIS NÓ COMLUCTAÍ ÁITEAMLA CUN CRICEANNA ÁITEAMLA.

2. 1° MÁS É TUAIRIM ČAČAOIRLEAC DÁIL ÉIREANN SUR BILLE AIRGIÓ DON BILLE FÁ LEIT NÍ POLÁIR DÓ A D'EIMNÍÚ SUR BILLE AIRGIÓ É AGUS, FÁ CUIMSIÚ NA BFORÁILTÍ I N-AR NDIARÓ DEN ALT SO, NÍ BEIÓ DUL ČAR AN D'EIMNÍÚ SIN.

2° TIS LE SEANAD ÉIREANN RÚN DO RIT I DCTIONÓL NÁ BEIÓ NÍOS LUŠA NÁ TRÍOCÁ COMALTA I LÁČAIR ANN, DÁ IARRAÍÓ AR AN UACHTARÁN CEIST DO ČUR FÁ BRÁŠAIO ČOISTE PRÍBLÉIOÍ FÉACÁINT ČÉ ACA BILLE AIRGIÓ AN BILLE NÓ NAČ EAD.

3° MÁ AONTUIGEANN AN TUAČTARÁN LEIS AN AČCUINGE TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACAD LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, NÍ POLÁIR DÓ ČOISTE PRÍBLÉIOÍ DO ČEAPAD. AN LÍON ČEADNA DE COMALTAIB DE DÁIL ÉIREANN AGUS DE ŠEANAD ÉIREANN A BEAS AR AN ŠČOISTE SIN, AGUS BREITEAM DEN ČÚIRT UACHTARAIS INA ČAČAOIRLEAC ORČA. IS TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACAD LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT A DÉANFAR NA ČEAPACÁIN SIN. MÁS IONANN AN LÍON BÓČAÍ AR AN DÁ ČAOB BEIÓ BÓČA AS AN ŠČAČAOIRLEAC, AC MUNAB IONANN NÍ BEIÓ.

4° NÍ POLÁIR DON UACHTARÁN AN ČEIST DO ČUR FÁ BRÁŠAIO AN ČOISTE PRÍBLÉIOÍ A ČEAPFAR MAR SIN, AGUS NÍ POLÁIR DON ČOISTE A MBREIT AR AN ŠCEIST DO ČUR CUN AN UACHTARÁIN ČAOB ISTIS DE LÁ AGUS FICE D'ÉIS AN LAE A CUIREAD AN BILLE ŠO SEANAD ÉIREANN.

5° NÍ BEIÓ DUL TAR BREIT AN ČOISTE.

6° MÁ DÍULTUIGEANN AN TUAČTARÁN D'ATČUINGE ŠEANAD ÉIREANN TAR ÉIS COMAIRLE DO ŠLACAD LEIS AN ŠCOMAIRLE STÁIT, NÓ MUNA ŠCUIRIÓ AN ČOISTE



**Article 22** (*continued*).

time hereinbefore specified the certificate of the Chairman of Dáil Eireann shall stand confirmed.

*Time for Consideration of Bills.***Article 23.**

1. This Article applies to every Bill passed by Dáil Eireann and sent to Seanad Eireann other than a Money Bill or a Bill the time for the consideration of which by Seanad Eireann shall have been abridged under Article 24 of this Constitution.

1° Whenever a Bill to which this Article applies is within the stated period defined in the next following sub-section either rejected by Seanad Eireann or passed by Seanad Eireann with amendments to which Dáil Eireann does not agree or is neither passed (with or without amendment) nor rejected by Seanad Eireann within the stated period, the Bill shall, if Dáil Eireann so resolves within one hundred and eighty days after the expiration of the stated period be deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas on the day on which the resolution is passed.

2° The stated period is the period of ninety days commencing on the day on which the Bill is first sent by Dáil Eireann to Seanad Eireann or any longer period agreed upon in respect of the Bill by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

2. 1° The preceding section of this Article shall apply to a Bill which is initiated in and passed by Seanad Eireann, amended by Dáil Eireann, and accordingly deemed to have been initiated in Dáil Eireann.

2° For the purpose of this application the stated period shall in relation to such a Bill commence on the day on which the Bill is first sent to Seanad Eireann after having been amended by Dáil Eireann.



**AIRTEAGAL 22** (AR LEANAÍMINT).

PRÍBLÉIDÍ A MBREIT I N-IÚIL TAOB ISTIĞ DEN TRÉIMSE  
A LUAIÓTEAR ANNSO ROMAINN, SEASFAID DEIMNIÚ  
CÁTAOIRLEAC DÁIL ÉIREANN.

TRÉIMSE CUN BILLÍ DO BREAČNÚ.

**AIRTEAGAL 23.**

1. Daineann an tAirteagal so le gac Bille a ritheann  
Dáil Éireann agus a seoltar go Seanad Éireann, ac  
amháin Bille Airgid nó Bille go ndearnad an tréimse  
cun a breačnuigte as Seanad Éireann do giorrú  
fá Airteagal 24 den Bunreacht so.

1° Má tárluigeann, taoib istig den tréimse  
áiríte a luaiótear sa céad fód-alt eile, go  
ndiúlтуigeann Seanad Éireann d'aon Bille le n-a  
mbaineann an tAirteagal so, nó go ritheann Seanad  
Éireann an Bille agus leasuiigte air a ndiúlтуigeann  
Dáil Éireann dóib, nó muna ndéanann Seanad  
Éireann an Bille do rit (pé aca leasuiigte é nó  
gan leasú) nó diúltao dó taoib istig den  
tréimse áiríte, annsin má ritheann Dáil Éireann  
rún cuige sin taoib istig de naoi bpiáo lá tar éis  
na tréimse áiríte beit caithe, ní foláir a meas  
gur ritheao an Bille sin as dá tíg an Oireadtais an  
lá ritheao an rún.

2° Nóca lá, nó aon tréimse is sia ná sin a  
réirótiğio dá tíg an Oireadtais le céile maidir  
leis an mBille, an tréimse áiríte, agus is é an  
lá a seoltar an Bille ar dtús ó Dáil Éireann go  
Seanad Éireann tosaó na tréimse.

2. 1° Daineann an t-alt sin romainn den Airteagal  
so le gac Bille a tionnscantar i Seanad Éireann  
agus a rittear as Seanad Éireann, agus a leasuiğ-  
tear as Dáil Éireann, agus go meastar dá bitin  
sin gur i nDáil Éireann a tionnscnao é.

2° Cuige sin is é an lá a seoltar an Bille go  
Seanad Éireann den céad uair tar éis é leasú  
as Dáil Éireann, a tosuiğeas an tréimse áiríte i  
gcomair an Bille sin.



**Article 24.**

1. If and whenever on the passage by Dáil Eireann of any Bill, other than a Bill expressed to be a Bill containing a proposal to amend the Constitution, the Taoiseach certifies by messages in writing addressed to the President and to the Chairman of each House of the Oireachtas that, in the opinion of the Government, the Bill is urgent and immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace and security, or by reason of the existence of a public emergency, whether domestic or international, the time for the consideration of such Bill by Seanad Eireann shall, if Dáil Eireann so resolves and if the President, after consultation with the Council of State, concurs, be abridged to such period as shall be specified in the resolution.
  
2. Where a Bill the time for the consideration of which by Seanad Eireann has been abridged under this Article is within the period specified in the resolution either rejected by Seanad Eireann or passed by Seanad Eireann with amendments or recommendations to which Dáil Eireann does not agree or is neither passed (with or without amendments or recommendations) nor rejected by Seanad Eireann within the period so specified the Bill shall be deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas at the expiration of that period.
  
3. When a Bill the time for the consideration of which by Seanad Eireann has been abridged under this Article becomes law it shall remain in force for a period of ninety days from the date of its enactment and no longer unless, before the expiration of that period, both Houses shall have agreed that such law shall remain in force for a longer period and the longer period so agreed upon shall have been specified in resolutions passed by both Houses.



AIRTEAGAL 24.

1. Má ritheann Dáil Éireann Bille, seachas Bille a luaitear a beith ina Bille a bfuil togra ann cun an Bunreacht do leasú, agus go seolann an Taoiseach teachtairéadaí scríobtha cun an Uachtaráin agus cun Cathaoirleach Shas Tíse den Oireachtas, dá dheimniú dóibh gur é tuairim an Rialtais go bfuil práinn agus riachtanas leis an mBille sin láithreach cun síocháin agus slándáil an pobail do chosaint, nó go bfuil práinn agus riachtanas leis láithreach toisc éigeandáil poiblíche inmeastóndac nó eadarnáisiúnta do beith ann, annsin má beartuigeann Dáil Éireann amhlaid le rún, agus go n-dontuigeann an tUachtarán leis an rún tar éis comairle do glacadh leis an tComairle Stáit, ní foláir an tréimse a fásfar an Bille sin fá breactnú Seanad Éireann do giorrú agus do cur fán teorainn a luaitear insan rún.
  
2. Bille ar bit go ndearnadh an tréimse cun a breactnuighe as Seanad Éireann do giorrú fán Airteagal so, má tárluigeann taobh istigh den tréimse a luaitear insan rún go ndiúltuigeann Seanad Éireann dó, nó go ritheann Seanad Éireann é maille le leasuiaghe nó le moltaibh dá ndiúltuigeann Dáil Éireann, nó muna ndéanann Seanad Éireann é rit (maille le leasuiaghe nó le moltaibh nó dá n-éagmuis) nó diúltadh dó taobh istigh den tréimse luaitear amhlaid, ní foláir a meas gur ritheadh an Bille as dá tigh an Oireachtais i gcionn na tréimse sin.
  
3. Ar déanamh dlighio de Bille go ndearnadh an tréimse cun a breactnuighe as Seanad Éireann do giorrú fán Airteagal so, beid sé i bfeidhm ar feadh tréimse nóca lá ó dháta a détuighe, ac sin a mbeid, muna n-dontuighio dá tigh an Oireachtais roim d'eireadh na tréimse sin an dlighheadh sin d'fanamaint i bfeidhm ar feadh tréimse is sia ná sin, agus go luaitear i rúnaibh ón dá tigh an tréimse dontuighear amhlaid.



*Signing and Promulgation of Laws.***Article 25.**

1. As soon as any Bill, other than a Bill expressed to be a Bill containing a proposal for the amendment of this Constitution, shall have been passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, the Taoiseach shall present it to the President for his signature and for promulgation by him as a law in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

2. 1° Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, every Bill so presented to the President for his signature and for promulgation by him as a law shall be signed by the President not earlier than five and not later than seven days after the date on which the Bill shall have been presented to him.

2° At the request of the Government, with the prior concurrence of Seanad Eireann, the President may sign any Bill the subject of such request on a date which is earlier than five days after such date as aforesaid.

3. Every Bill the time for the consideration of which by Seanad Eireann shall have been abridged under Article 24 of this Constitution shall be signed by the President on the day on which such Bill is presented to him for signature and promulgation as a law.

4. 1° Every Bill signed by the President under this Constitution shall become and be law as on and from the day on which the Bill shall have been so signed.

2° Every Bill signed by the President shall come into operation on the day on which it is so signed unless the contrary intention appears.

3° Every Bill so signed shall be promulgated by the President as a law by the publication by his direction of a notice in the *Iris Oifigiúil* stating that such Bill has become law.



OLIGEADÓ DO SÍGNIÚ AGUS D'FÓGAIRT.

AIRTEAGAL 25.

1. Com luath agus rittear Bille, seachas Bille a luathótear a beic ina Bille a bfuil togra ann cun an Bunreacht so do leasú, nó a meastar é beic ritte as dá tís an Oireadtais, ní foláir don Taoiseach an Bille sin do tairgsint don Uachtarán cun a lám do cur leis agus cun é fógairt ina oligeadó do réir foráiltí an Airteagail seo.

2. 1° Taob amuig de cás dá socrúgtear a malairt leis an mBunreacht so, gac Bille a tairgtear don Uachtarán mar sin cun a lám do cur leis agus cun é fógairt ina oligeadó, ní foláir dó a lám do cur leis lá nac luaithe ná cúig lá agus nac déirdeanaige ná seacht lá tar éis an lae tairgtear an Bille dó.

2° Ar atcuinge an Rialtais, le comtoil Seanad Éireann roim ré, tig leis an Uachtarán a lám a cur le haon Bille is siocair don atcuinge sin níos luaithe ná cúig lá tar éis an dáta réamráite.

3. Gac Bille go ndearnadó an tréimse cun a breahtnuigte as Seanad Éireann do giorrú fá Airteagal 24 den Bunreacht so, ní foláir don Uachtarán a lám do cur leis an lá tairgtear an Bille sin dó cun é sígniú agus cun é fógairt ina oligeadó.

4. 1° Gac Bille a gcuireann an tUachtarán a lám leis fán mBunreacht so déanann oligeadó de an lá a cuireann sé a lám leis amlaio agus is oligeadó é an lá sin agus ón lá sin amac.

2° Gac Bille a gcuireann an tUachtarán a lám leis is é an lá a cuirtear lám leis amlaio a tigeann sé i ngníom muna léir a malairt d'intinn ina taob.

3° Gac Bille le n-a gcuirtear lám amlaio ní foláir don Uachtarán é fógairt ina oligeadó le fógra insan Iris Oifigiúil, fá oróu uaid, dá ráo go bfuil an Bille sin ina oligeadó.



**Article 25** (*continued*).

4° As soon as may be after the President has signed any Bill and promulgated it as a law, the signed text shall be enrolled for record in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court and such signed text shall be conclusive evidence as to the provisions of such law.

5° An official translation of every law enacted by the Oireachtas in the Irish language shall be issued in the English language and an official translation of every law enacted by the Oireachtas in the English language shall be issued in the Irish language.

*Reference of Bills to the Supreme Court.***Article 26.**

This Article applies to any Bill passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas other than a Money Bill, or a Bill expressed to be a Bill containing a proposal to amend the Constitution, or a Bill the time for the consideration of which by Seanad Éireann shall have been abridged under Article 24 of this Constitution.

1. 1° The President may, after consultation with the Council of State, refer any Bill to which this Article applies to the Supreme Court for a decision on the question as to whether such Bill or any specified provision or provisions of such Bill is or are repugnant to this Constitution or to any provision thereof.

2° Every such reference shall be made not later than four days after the date on which such Bill shall have been passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

3° The President shall not sign any Bill the subject of a reference to the Supreme Court under this Article pending the pronouncement of the decision of the Court.



**AIRTEAGAL 25** (ar leanamaint).

4° Com luath agus is féidir é tar éis don Uachtarán a lámh do cur le Bille agus é fógairt ina bligead ní foláir an téacs siúghe sin do cur isteach ina iris i n-oifis Iriseoir na Cúirte Uachtaraíge agus is fiaónaise do-claoiúte an téacs siúghe sin ar fóraitibh an bliúo sin.

5° Sae bligead dá n-actuigeann an tOireachtas insan Saeóilg ní foláir tionntóó oifigeamail air do cur amach insan Sacs-Béarla, agus sae bligead dá n-actuigeann an tOireachtas insan Sacs-Béarla ní foláir tionntóó oifigeamail air do cur amach insan Saeóilg.

billí do cur fá breit na cúirte uachtaraíge.

**AIRTEAGAL 26.**

Baineann an tAirteagal so le sae Bille a rittear nó a meastar a rithead as dá tís an Oireachtais, ac amáin Bille Airgí, nó Bille a luaithear a beit ina Bille a bfuil togra ann cun an Bunreacht do leasú, nó Bille so ndearnad an tréimse cun a breathnuighe as Seanad Éireann do giorrú fá Airteagal 24 den Bunreacht so.

1. 1° Is cead don Uachtarán, tar éis comairle do glacadh leis an gComairle Stáit, don Bille le n-ambaineann an tAirteagal so do cur fá breit na Cúirte Uachtaraíge féadaint an bfuil an Bille sin nó don fóraitleamh nó don fóraití áiríthe de i n-aghaidh an Bunreachtas so nó i n-aghaidh don fóraitle de.

2° I nsaé cás den tsórt sin ní foláir an Bille do cur fá breit na Cúirte lá naé déirdeanaíge ná ceitre lá tar éis an dáta a rittear an Bille nó a meastar a rithead é as dá tís an Oireachtais.

3° Bille ar bit a cuirtear fá breit na Cúirte Uachtaraíge fán Airteagal so, ní cead don Uachtarán a lámh do cur leis so utí so utugann an Cúirt a breit.



**Article 26** (*continued*).

2. 1° The Supreme Court consisting of not less than five judges shall consider every question referred to it by the President under this Article for a decision, and, having heard arguments by or on behalf of the Attorney General and by counsel assigned by the Court, shall pronounce its decision on such question in open court as soon as may be, and in any case not later than sixty days after the date of such reference.

2° The decision of the majority of the judges of the Supreme Court shall, for the purposes of this Article, be the decision of the Court.

3. 1° In every case in which the Supreme Court decides that any provision of a Bill the subject of a reference to the Supreme Court under this Article is repugnant to this Constitution or to any provision thereof, the President shall decline to sign such Bill.

2° In every other case the President shall sign the Bill as soon as may be after the date on which the decision of the Supreme Court shall have been pronounced.

*Reference of Bills to the People.***Article 27.**

This Article applies to any Bill, other than a Bill expressed to be a Bill containing a proposal for the amendment of this Constitution, which shall have been deemed, by virtue of Article 23 hereof, to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

1. A majority of the members of Seanad Eireann and not less than one-third of the members of Dáil Eireann may by a joint petition addressed to the President by them under this Article request the President to decline to sign and promulgate as a law any Bill to which this Article applies on the ground that the Bill contains a proposal of such national importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained.



AIRTEAGAL 26 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

2. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir don Chúirt Uachtaraí, cúirt ina mbeir cúigear breiteamhan ar a laiḡeado, ḡac ceist dá ḡcuireann an tUachtarán fá n-a breit fán Airteagal so do breaḡnú agus, tar éis éisteaḡt le hargónaib ón Árd-Aiḡne nó tar a ceann agus ó abcoirib a toḡfar as an ḡCúirt, ní foláir di a breit ar an ḡceist sin do tábairt insan cúirt ḡo poiblíde com luat agus is féidir é agus, ar don cuma, lá naḡ déirdeanaíḡe ná seasca lá tar éis an ceist do cur fá n-a breit.

2<sup>o</sup> An breit a beireann an tromlaḡ de breiteamhan na Cúirte Uachtaraíḡe, sin í breit na Cúirte cun críceanna an Airteagail seo.

3. 1<sup>o</sup> 1 ḡcás don Bille a cuirtear fá breit na Cúirte Uachtaraíḡe fán Airteagal so, más é breit na Cúirte ḡo bfuil don foráileam de 1 n-aḡaird an Bunreáḡta so nó 1 n-aḡaird don foráilte de, ní foláir don Uachtarán diúltaḡ dá lám do cur leis an mBille sin.

2<sup>o</sup> 1 nḡac cás eile ní foláir don Uachtarán a lám do cur leis an mBille com luat agus is féidir é tar éis an lae a beireann an Cúirt Uachtaraḡ a breit.

billí do cur fá breit an pobail.

AIRTEAGAL 27.

Baineann an tAirteagal so le ḡac Bille, seacás Bille a luairtear a beit ina Bille a bfuil toḡra ann cun an Bunreáḡt so do leasú, a meastar, de buaḡ Airteagail 23 den Bunreáḡt so, a riteaḡ as dá tḡḡ an Oireáḡtais.

1. Is ceao do tromlaḡ de comaltaib Seanad Éireann, i bfoḡair trian, ar a laiḡeado, de comaltaib Dáil Éireann, com-aḡcuinḡe do cur cun an Uachtaráin fán Airteagal so, dá iarraird air diúltaḡ dá lám do cur le haon Bille le n-a mbaineann an tAirteagal so agus don Bille sin o'fóḡairt ina oḡiḡeado, toisc toḡra beit ann ina bfuil an oireao sin tábáḡt náisiúnta ḡur cóir breit an pobail o'fáḡail air.



**Article 27** (*continued*).

2. Every such petition shall be in writing signed by the petitioners, shall contain a statement of the particular ground or grounds on which the request is based, and shall be presented to the President not later than four days after the date on which the Bill shall have been deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

3. Upon receipt of a petition addressed to him under this Article, the President shall forthwith consider such petition and shall, after consultation with the Council of State, pronounce his decision thereon not later than ten days after the date on which the Bill to which such petition relates shall have been deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

4. 1<sup>o</sup> In every case in which the President decides that a Bill the subject of a petition under this Article contains a proposal of such national importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained, he shall inform the Taoiseach and the Chairman of each House of the Oireachtas accordingly in writing under his hand and Seal and shall decline to sign and promulgate such Bill as a law unless and until the proposal shall have been approved either

i. by the people at a Referendum in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of Article 47 of this Constitution within a period of eighteen months from the date of the President's decision, or

ii. by a resolution of Dáil Eireann passed within the said period after a dissolution and re-assembly of Dáil Eireann.

2<sup>o</sup> Every such Bill which shall have been approved either by the people or by a resolution of Dáil Eireann in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section shall as soon as may be after such approval be presented to the President for his signature and promulgation by him as a law and the President shall thereupon sign the Bill and duly promulgate it as a law.



AIRTEAGAL 27 (an leanamaint).

2. Ní foláir saé atcuinge den tsórt sin do beic i scríbhinn fá lámh an luét atcuinge, agus léar-tuairisc do beic innti ar an adóbar nó ar na naóbaraid áiríte ar a bfuil sí bunuigthe, agus i do tairgsint don Uachtarán lá naé déirdeanaíge ná ceitre lá tar éis an dáta a meastar a ritead an Dille as dá tís an Oireáctais.

3. Com luat agus geibean an tUachtarán atcuinge fán Airteagal so ní foláir dó i breacnú agus, tar éis comairle do glacad leis an tComairle Stáit, a breic do tábairt uirtí lá naé déirdeanaíge ná deic lá tar éis an lae a meastar a ritead, as dá tís an Oireáctais, an Dille sin le n-a mbaineann an atcuinge.

4. 1<sup>o</sup> 1 scás saé Dille is siocair d'atcuinge fán Airteagal so, más é breic an Uachtaráin so bfuil togra ann ina bfuil an oiread sin tábact náisiúnta sur cóir breic an pobail d'fágáil air, ní foláir dó scríbhinn fá n-a lámh agus fá n-a séala do cur so dtí an Taoisead agus so dtí Cathaoirleac saé Tíge den Oireáctas dá cur sin i n-iúil dóib, agus diúltaó dá lám do cur leis an mDille sin agus dá fógairt ina bligead muna nglactar, agus so dtí so nglactar, an togra—

i. le toil an pobail i Reipreann do réir foráiltí ailt 2 d'Airteagal 47 den Bunreáct so, taob istis d'ocht mí déas ón lá a beireann an tUachtarán a breic, nó

ii. le rún ó Dáil Éireann ar n-a rit taob istis den tréimse réamráite i nDáil Éireann. lán-scor agus aictionól do Dáil Éireann.

2<sup>o</sup> Saé Dille dá sórt sin a glactar le toil an pobail nó le rún ó Dáil Éireann do réir na bforáiltí sin romainn den alt so, ní foláir é tairgsint don Uachtarán com luat agus is féidir é tar éis a glacta, cun a lám do cur leis agus é fógairt ina bligead, agus air sin ní foláir don Uachtarán a lám do cur leis an mDille agus é fógairt so cuibe ina bligead.



**Article 27** (*continued*).

5. In every case in which the President decides that a Bill the subject of a petition under this Article does not contain a proposal of such national importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained, he shall inform the Taoiseach and the Chairman of each House of the Oireachtas accordingly in writing under his hand and Seal, and such Bill shall be signed by the President not later than eleven days after the date on which the Bill shall have been deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas and shall be duly promulgated by him as a law.

## THE GOVERNMENT.

**Article 28.**

1. The Government shall consist of not less than seven and not more than fifteen members who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
2. The executive power of the State shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, be exercised by or on the authority of the Government.
3. 1° War shall not be declared and the State shall not participate in any war save with the assent of Dáil Eireann.

2° In the case of actual invasion, however, the Government may take whatever steps they may consider necessary for the protection of the State, and Dáil Eireann if not sitting shall be summoned to meet at the earliest practicable date.

3° Nothing in this Constitution shall be invoked to invalidate any law enacted by the Oireachtas which is expressed to be for the purpose of securing the public safety and the preservation of the State in time of war or armed rebellion, or to nullify any act done or purporting to be done in pursuance of any such law.



AIRTEAGAL 27 (ar leanamaint).

5. 1 SCÁS SÁD BILLE IS SIOCAIR D'ACÉUINGE FÁN AIRTEAGAL SO, MÁIS É BREIT AN UACHTARÁIN NÁ FUIL AON TOGRA ANN INA BPUIL AN OIREADÓ SIN TÁBACÉ NÁISIÚNTA SUR CÓIR BREIT AN PÓBAIL D'FÁGÁIL AIR, NÍ FOLÁIR DÓ SCRIBINN FÁ N-A LÁIM AGUS FÁ N-A SÉALA DO CUR SO DTÍ AN TAOISEAC AGUS SO DTÍ CATAOIRLEAC SÁD TIGE DEN OIREACÉAS DÁ CUR SIN I N-IÚIL DÓIB, AGUS A LÁIM DO CUR LEIS AN MBILLE SIN LÁ NAC DÉIRDEANAIGE NÁ AON LÁ DÉAS TAR ÉIS AN LAE A MEASTAR A RICEADÓ AN BILLE SIN AS DÁ TIG AN OIREACÉAIS, AGUS É FÓGAIRT SO CUIBE INA DLIGEADÓ.

AN RIAŠALTAS.

AIRTEAGAL 28.

1. MÓIRSEISEAR AR A LAIGEADÓ, AGUS CÚIS DUINE DÉAS AR A MÉID, LÍON COMALTAÍ AN RIAŠALTAIS, AGUS IS É AN TUAÉCTARÁN A CEAPFAS NA COMALTAÍ SIN DO RÉIR FORÁILTÍ AN DUNREACTA SO.
2. FÁ CUIMSIÚ FORÁILTÍ AN DUNREACTA SO, IS É AN RIAŠALTAS OIBREOCAS, NÓ IS LE HUGDARÁS AN RIAŠALTAIS A OIBREOCAR, CUMACÉ COMALLAC AN STÁIT.
3. 1° NÍ DLEAGÉAC COGADÓ D'FÓGAIRT NÁ PÁIRT DO BEIT AS AN STÁT I N-AON COGADÓ AC AMÁIN LE HAONTADÓ DÁIL ÉIREANN.  
 2° AC FÉADFAID AN RIAŠALTAS, I SCÁS IONNHADÓ, AON NÍ DO DÉANAM A MEASFAID A BEIT RIACTANAC CUN AN STÁT DO COSAINT, AGUS MUNA MBEID DÁIL ÉIREANN INA SUÍDE NÍ FOLÁIR Í TIONÓL COM LUAC AGUS IS FÉIDIR É.  
 3° NÍ CEAD AON NÍ DÁ BPUIL INSAN DUNREACT SO D'AGAIRT CUN AON DLIGEADÓ DÁ N-ACÉUINGEANN AN TOIREACÉAS DO CUR Ó BAIL MÁ LUADÓTEAR ANN SUR DLIGEADÓ É CUN SLÁNDAIL AN PÓBAIL DO CUR I N-ÁIRITE AGUS CUN AN STÁT DO CAOMNA I N-AIMSIR COGADÓ NÓ CEANNAIRCE FÁ ARM, NÁ CUN AON GNÍOM DÁ NDÉANTAR NÓ A BEIREANN LE TUIGSINT SUR GNÍOM É A DÉANTAR DO BUN AON DLIGIÓ DEN TSÓRT SIN, DO CUR AR NEAM-NÍ.



**Article 28** (*continued*).

4. 1° The Government shall be responsible to Dáil Eireann.

2° The Government shall meet and act as a collective authority, and shall be collectively responsible for the Departments of State administered by the members of the Government.

3° The Government shall prepare Estimates of the Receipts and Estimates of the Expenditure of the State for each financial year, and shall present them to Dáil Eireann for consideration.

5. 1° The head of the Government, or Prime Minister, shall be called, and is in this Constitution referred to as, the Taoiseach.

2° The Taoiseach shall keep the President generally informed on matters of domestic and international policy.

6. 1° The Taoiseach shall nominate a member of the Government to be the Tánaiste.

2° The Tánaiste shall act for all purposes in the place of the Taoiseach if the Taoiseach should die, or become permanently incapacitated, until a new Taoiseach shall have been appointed.

3° The Tánaiste shall also act for or in the place of the Taoiseach during the temporary absence of the Taoiseach.

7. 1° The Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the member of the Government who is in charge of the Department of Finance must be members of Dáil Eireann.

2° The other members of the Government must be members of Dáil Eireann or Seanad Eireann, but not more than two may be members of Seanad Eireann.

8. Every member of the Government shall have the right to attend and be heard in each House of the Oireachtas.



## AIRTEAGAL 28 (AR LEANAMAINTE).

4. 1<sup>o</sup> Tá an Ríochtas freagartach do Dáil Éireann.

2<sup>o</sup> I gcomhghairas a tiocfaidh an Ríochtas le céile agus a gníomhóid, agus táir go léir le céile freagartach insna Rannaid Stáit a rialtar as comáltaibh an Ríochtais.

3<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir don Ríochtas meastacháin ar Ríochtas an Stáit agus meastacháin ar Chaitéam Airgid an Stáit d'ullmú i gcomhair gach bliana airgeadais, agus iad do cur ós comhair Dáil Éireann cun a mbreathnuisce.

5. 1<sup>o</sup> An Taoiseach is teideal do ceann an Ríochtais, .i. an Príom-Aire, agus sin é a bheirtear air insan Bunreacht so.

2<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir don Taoiseach eolas i scoitcínne do tadbairt don Uachtarán ar neitib a baineas le beartas inmeadhonach agus le beartas eadar-náisiúnta.

6. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir don Taoiseach comalta den Ríochtas d'ainmniú cun beit ina Tánaiste.

2<sup>o</sup> Má éagann an Taoiseach nó má gabann mítreoir buan é, ní foláir don Tánaiste gníomú cun gach críche i n-ionad an Taoisigh nó go gceaptar Taoiseach eile.

3<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir don Tánaiste, pairis sin, gníomú tar ceann nó i n-ionad an Taoisigh le linn eisean do beit as láthair go sealadach.

7. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir an Taoiseach agus an Tánaiste agus an comalta sin den Ríochtas a beas i mbun an Roinn Airgeadais do beit ina gcomáltaibh de Dáil Éireann.

2<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir na comaltai eile den Ríochtas do beit ina gcomáltaibh de Dáil Éireann nó de Seanad Éireann, ac ní dleachtach tar beirt aca do beit ina gcomáltaibh de Seanad Éireann.

8. Tá sé de ceart as gach comalta den Ríochtas beit i láthair agus labairt i nGach Tigh den Oireachtas.



## Article 28 (continued).

9. 1° The Taoiseach may resign from office at any time by placing his resignation in the hands of the President.

2° Any other member of the Government may resign from office by placing his resignation in the hands of the Taoiseach for submission to the President.

3° The President shall accept the resignation of a member of the Government, other than the Taoiseach, if so advised by the Taoiseach.

4° The Taoiseach may at any time, for reasons which to him seem sufficient, request a member of the Government to resign; should the member concerned fail to comply with the request, his appointment shall be terminated by the President if the Taoiseach so advises.

10. The Taoiseach shall resign from office upon his ceasing to retain the support of a majority in Dáil Eireann unless on his advice the President dissolves Dáil Eireann and on the reassembly of Dáil Eireann after the dissolution the Taoiseach secures the support of a majority in Dáil Eireann.

11. 1° If the Taoiseach at any time resigns from office the other members of the Government shall be deemed also to have resigned from office, but the Taoiseach and the other members of the Government shall continue to carry on their duties until their successors shall have been appointed.

2° The members of the Government in office at the date of a dissolution of Dáil Eireann shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been appointed.

12. The following matters shall be regulated in accordance with law, namely, the organization of, and distribution of business amongst, Departments of State, the designation of members of the Government to be the Ministers in charge of the said Departments, the discharge of the functions of the office of a member of the Government during his temporary absence or incapacity, and the remuneration of the members of the Government.



## AIRTEAGAL 28 (AR LEANAMAINC).

9. 1° TÍŠ leis an TAOISEACÉ éirǵe as oifis uair ar bit trÍ n-a cúR sin i n-iúil don UACÉTARÁN.
- 2° TÍŠ le haon comalta eile den RIAŠALTAS éirǵe as oifis trÍ n-a cúR sin i n-iúil don TAOISEACÉ cun an scéal do cúR fá bráǵaio an UACÉTARÁIN.
- 3° NÍ foláir don UACÉTARÁN glacaó le haon comalta den RIAŠALTAS, seacás an TAOISEACÉ, o' éirǵe as oifis má comairliǵeann an TAOISEACÉ é sin do.
- 4° TÍŠ leis an TAOISEACÉ uair ar bit, ar aóóaraib is leor leis féin, a iarraio ar comalta den RIAŠALTAS éirǵe as oifis; muna ndéanaio an comalta sin do réir na haócuinǵe sin, ní foláir don UACÉTARÁN an comalta sin do cúR as oifis má comairliǵeann an TAOISEACÉ do é.
10. Don uair ná leanann tromlac i nDáil Éireann de beit i dtacaioeacét leis an TAOISEACÉ, ní foláir do-san éirǵe as oifis muna lán-scoireann an tUACÉTARÁN Dáil Éireann ar comairle an Taoisís, agus so n-éirǵeann leis an TAOISEACÉ tacaioeacét tromlais i nDáil Éireann o' fáǵaíl ar aiccionól do Dáil Éireann i ndiaio an lán-scoir.
11. 1° Má éirǵeann an TAOISEACÉ as oifis tráó ar bit, ní foláir a meas so n-éirǵeann an cúro eile de comaltaib an RIAŠALTAIS as oifis fairis sin; ac leanfaio an TAOISEACÉ agus an cúro eile de comaltaib an RIAŠALTAIS dá ndualǵais nó so sceaptar a scomarbaí.
- 2° Na comaltaí den RIAŠALTAS a beas i n-oifis lá lán-scoró Dáil Éireann leanfaio dá n-oifis nó so sceaptar a scomarbaí.
12. Is do réir dlíǵio a riaǵlóóar na neite seo leanas
- .1. Ranna Stáit do coimeasrú agus shó do roinnt oró, comaltaí den RIAŠALTAS do ceapaó cun beit ina ndaí i mbun na Rann sin, na feaómanna a báineas le hoifis comalta den RIAŠALTAS do comóinaó le linn an comalta sin do beit tamall as láóair nó ar mítreoir, agus tuarastal comaltaí an RIAŠALTAIS.



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

## Article 29.

1. Ireland affirms its devotion to the ideal of peace and friendly co-operation amongst nations founded on international justice and morality.

2. Ireland affirms its adherence to the principle of the pacific settlement of international disputes by international arbitration or judicial determination.

3. Ireland accepts the generally recognised principles of international law as its rule of conduct in its relations with other States.

4. 1° The executive power of the State in or in connection with its external relations shall in accordance with Article 28 of this Constitution be exercised by or on the authority of the Government.

2° For the purpose of the exercise of any executive function of the State in or in connection with its external relations, the Government may to such extent and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be determined by law, avail of or adopt any organ, instrument, or method of procedure used or adopted for the like purpose by the members of any group or league of nations with which the State is or becomes associated for the purpose of international co-operation in matters of common concern.

5. 1° Every international agreement to which the State becomes a party shall be laid before Dáil Eireann.

2° The State shall not be bound by any international agreement involving a charge upon public funds unless the terms of the agreement shall have been approved by Dáil Eireann.

3° This section shall not apply to agreements or conventions of a technical and administrative character.



## CAIÐREAMH EADARNÁISIÚNTA.

## AIRTEAGAL 29.

1. Dearbann Éire sur mian léi síotcáin agus comar, do réir an coitruim eadarnáisiúnta agus na móráltaí eadarnáisiúnta, do bheith bun roirnáisiúnaibh an domhain.
2. Dearbann Éire fós sur mian léi go ndéanfaí sácláirí roirnáisiúnaibh do réiteach go síotcánta le headráin eadarnáisiúnta nó le cinneadh breiteamhaí.
3. Glacann Éire le bunriaghlacha gnáth-domaíche an dlíghr eadarnáisiúnta le bheith ina dtreóir d'Éirinn ina caidreamh le Státaibh eile.
4. 1<sup>o</sup> Do réir Airteagail 28 den Bunreacht so is é an Riagaltas oibreochas, nó is le huasdarás an Riagaltais a oibreochas, cumacht comallach an Stáit maidir le n-a caidreamh eactrach.  
 2<sup>o</sup> Ionann go bfeadfar don fíor comallach leis an Stát d'oibriú maidir le n-a caidreamh eactrach feadfaid an Riagaltas, sa méid go gcinnefar le dlíghr agus fá cuimsiú pé coinseallacha a cinnefar le dlíghr, má cinntear, don organ stáit nó sás nó nós imeachta do cur cun críche nó do glacadh a cuirtear cun críche nó a glactar cun a leithéir sin de cuspóir as na náisiúnaibh is comaltaí d'aon buíon nó d'aon cumann de náisiúnaibh a bfuil nó a mbeid an Stát i gcomhlachas leo le haistriú comair eadarnáisiúnta i gcúrsaibh a baineas leo uile.
5. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní foláir sácláirí connrad eadarnáisiúnta ina mbeid an Stát páirteach do leasadh ós comair dáil Éireann.  
 2<sup>o</sup> Don connrad eadarnáisiúnta a cuirfeadh costas ar an gciste poiblíde ní bheid sé ina ceangal ar an Stát muna dtuilligh dáil Éireann le téarmaibh an connarta.  
 3<sup>o</sup> Ní baineann an t-alt so le connartaibh ná le comhontaibh ar cúrsaibh teicnice agus riaracháin.



## Article 29 (continued).

6. No international agreement shall be part of the domestic law of the State save as may be determined by the Oireachtas.

## THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

## Article 30.

1. There shall be an Attorney General who shall be the adviser of the Government in matters of law and legal opinion, and shall exercise and perform all such powers, functions and duties as are conferred or imposed on him by this Constitution or by law.
2. The Attorney General shall be appointed by the President on the nomination of the Taoiseach.
3. All crimes and offences prosecuted in any court constituted under Article 34 of this Constitution other than a court of summary jurisdiction shall be prosecuted in the name of the People and at the suit of the Attorney General or some other person authorised in accordance with law to act for that purpose.
4. The Attorney General shall not be a member of the Government.
5.
  - 1° The Attorney General may at any time resign from office by placing his resignation in the hands of the Taoiseach for submission to the President.
  - 2° The Taoiseach may, for reasons which to him seem sufficient, request the resignation of the Attorney General.
  - 3° In the event of failure to comply with the request, the appointment of the Attorney General shall be terminated by the President if the Taoiseach so advises.
  - 4° The Attorney General shall retire from office upon the resignation of the Taoiseach, but may continue to carry on his duties until the successor to the Taoiseach shall have been appointed.



AIRTEAGAL 29 (AR LEANAMAINTE).

6. Ní beir don connrad eadarnáisiúnta ina cúro de dlígead inmeadónad an Stáit ac mar éinnir an tOireadctas.

AN TÁRD-AIŠNE.

AIRTEAGAL 30.

1. Beir Árd-Aišne ann, agus is é is comairlead don Rialtas i scúrsaib dlígead agus tuairimí dlígead, agus ní foláir dó sac cumadct, sac ferom agus sac dualgas dá mbronntar nó dá scuirtear air leis an mbunreacct so nó le dlígead d'oidbrú agus do coimlionaad.
2. Is as an Uadctarán a ceapfar an TÁRD-AIŠNE ar n-a ainmniú sin as an Taoisead.
3. I scás sac coir agus cion dá dtuistear i n-aon cúirt a bunuistear fá Airteagal 34 den Bunreacct so, ac amáin cúirt dlíginse atcomaire, is i n-ainm an pobail agus ar asra an Árd-Aišne, nó ar asra duine éigin eile a ugdaruistear ina comair sin do réir dlígead, a déanfar an cúisiú.
4. Ní cead an TÁRD-AIŠNE beir ina comalta den Rialtas.
5. 1° Tis leis an Árd-Aišne éirge as oifis uair ar bit trí n-a cur sin i n-iúil don Taoisead cun an scéal do cur fá brádaio an Uadctáin.  
 2° Tis leis an Taoisead, ar adbaraid is leor leis féin, a iarraio ar an Árd-Aišne éirge as oifis.  
 3° Muna ndéanaió an TÁRD-AIŠNE do réir na hacúinge sin ní foláir don Uadctarán é cur as oifis má comairligeann an Taoisead dó é.  
 4° Ní foláir don Árd-Aišne dul as oifis ar éirge as oifis don Taoisead, ac tis leis leanamaint dá dualgais nó so sceaptar comarba an Taoisig.



**Article 30** (*continued*).

6. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article, the office of Attorney General, including the remuneration to be paid to the holder of the office, shall be regulated by law.

## THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

**Article 31.**

1. There shall be a Council of State to aid and counsel the President on all matters on which the President may consult the said Council in relation to the exercise and performance by him of such of his powers and functions as are by this Constitution expressed to be exercisable and performable after consultation with the Council of State, and to exercise such other functions as are conferred on the said Council by this Constitution.
2. The Council of State shall consist of the following members:
  - i. As *ex-officio* members: the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, the Chief Justice, the President of the High Court, the Chairman of Dáil Eireann, the Chairman of Seanad Eireann, and the Attorney General.
  - ii. Every person able and willing to act as a member of the Council of State who shall have held the office of President, or the office of Taoiseach, or the office of Chief Justice, or the office of President of the Executive Council of Saorstát Eireann.
  - iii. Such other persons, if any, as may be appointed by the President under this Article to be members of the Council of State.
3. The President may at any time and from time to time by warrant under his hand and Seal appoint such other persons as, in his absolute discretion, he may think fit, to be members of the Council of State, but not more than seven persons so



AIRTEAGAL 30 (AR LEANAMHANT).

6. FÁ CUMSIÚ NA BFORÁILTÍ SIN ROMAINN DEN AIRTEAGAL SO IS DO RÉIR DLÍSHO A RIAGLÓCAR OIFIS AN ÁRD-AIGNE, MAILLE LEIS AN TUARASTAL IS INÍOCTA LEIS AN TÉ BEAS I SEILB NA HOIFIGE SIN.

AN COMAIRLE STÁIT.

AIRTEAGAL 31.

1. Beid Comairle Stáit ann cun cabair is comairle do tabairt don Uachtarán i dtaoibh gac ní dá scuirfidh an tUachtarán ina gcomairle, maidir le hé oibriú is do coimlionaó na gcuimáct is na bpeomanna a luaithear sa bhunreacht so do beith ionoibrishte is ioncoimlionta aise tar éis comairle do glacadh leis an gcomairle Stáit, agus fós cun don peomanna eile a bronnar ar an gcomairle sin leis an mbunreacht so do coimlionaó.
2. Is iad na daoine seo leanas a beas ina gcomaltaibh den Comairle Stáit:
  - i. De buaó oifige: an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste, an Prím-Breiteam, Uachtarán na hÁrd-Cúirte, Cathaoirleach Dáil Éireann, Cathaoirleach Seanad Éireann, agus an tÁrd-Aigne.
  - ii. Gac duine gur cumas dó agus gur fonn leis gníomú ina comalta den Comairle Stáit, agus a bí tráit ina Uachtarán nó ina Taoiseach nó ina Prím-Breiteam, nó ina Uachtarán ar Árd-Comairle Saorstát Éireann.
  - iii. Don daoine eile a ceaptar ag an Uachtarán fán Airteagal so, má ceaptar éinne, cun beith ina gcomaltaibh den Comairle Stáit.
3. Tis leis an Uachtarán uair ar bié agus ó am go ham cibé daoine eile is oireamnac leis, as a comairle féin, do ceapaó le barántas fá n-a lámh is fá n-a séala cun beith ina gcomaltaibh den



**Article 31** *(continued)*.

appointed shall be members of the Council of State at the same time.

4. Every member of the Council of State shall at the first meeting thereof which he attends as a member take and subscribe a declaration in the following form:

“ In the presence of Almighty God I do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will faithfully and conscientiously fulfil my duties as a member of the Council of State.”

5. Every member of the Council of State appointed by the President, unless he previously dies, resigns, becomes permanently incapacitated, or is removed from office, shall hold office until the successor of the President by whom he was appointed shall have entered upon his office.
6. Any member of the Council of State appointed by the President may resign from office by placing his resignation in the hands of the President.
7. The President may, for reasons which to him seem sufficient, by an order under his hand and Seal, terminate the appointment of any member of the Council of State appointed by him.
8. Meetings of the Council of State may be convened by the President at such times and places as he shall determine.

**Article 32.**

The President shall not exercise or perform any of the powers or functions which are by this Constitution expressed to be exercisable or performable by him after consultation with the Council of State unless, and on every occasion before so doing, he shall have convened a meeting of the Council of State and the members present at such meeting shall have been heard by him.



## AIRTEAGAL 31 (AR LEANAMHANT).

Comairle Stáit, ac ní oleaghtac tar móirseisear a ceaptar ar an gcuma sin a beit ina gcomáltaib den Comairle Stáit insan am céadna.

4. Ní foláir do gac comálta den Comairle Stáit, an céad uair a beit sé ar tionsól den Comairle sin ina comálta ói an dearbhadh so leanas do d'éanam agus a lám do cur leis:

“1 láthair Dia na nUilecumáct táimse,  
 , dá gceallamaint agus  
 dá d'earbhadh go sollamanta agus go fírinneac  
 mo d'ualtais im comálta den Comairle Stáit  
 do comhlionadh go dílis coinsiasac.”

5. Gac comálta den Comairle Stáit a ceapfar as an Uachtarán beit sé i seilbh oifige nó go dtéigí comarba an Uachtaráin a ceap é i gcúram a oifige, sé sin muna dtárluigí roimhe sin go n-éasfaid an comálta sin, nó go n-éireodaid as oifis, nó go ngeobaid mítreoir buan é, nó go gcuirfead as oifis é.
6. Don comálta den Comairle Stáit dá gceapfaid an tUachtarán tís leis éirge as oifis trí n-a cur sin i n-úil don Uachtarán.
7. Tís leis an Uachtarán, ar adbairib is leor leis féin, duine ar bit dár ceap sé don Comairle Stáit do cur as oifis le horóu fá n-a lám agus fá n-a Séala.
8. Tís leis an Uachtarán an Comairle Stáit do comórath cibé áit agus am a socródar sé cuise.

## AIRTEAGAL 32.

Cumácta nó fearomanna ar bit go luaithear ina dtadob insan Bunreacht so gur oleaghtac don Uachtarán iad d'oibriú nó do comhlionadh tar éis comairle do glacadh leis an gComairle Stáit, ní cead don Uachtarán don cumáct ná fearom díob d'oibriú ná do comhlionadh muna gcomóra sé an Comairle Stáit i n-gac cás roim ré, agus éisteacht leis na comáltaib den Comairle sin a beas i láthair.



## THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL.

## Article 33.

1. There shall be a Comptroller and Auditor General to control on behalf of the State all disbursements and to audit all accounts of moneys administered by or under the authority of the Oireachtas.
2. The Comptroller and Auditor General shall be appointed by the President on the nomination of Dáil Eireann.
3. The Comptroller and Auditor General shall not be a member of either House of the Oireachtas and shall not hold any other office or position of emolument.
4. The Comptroller and Auditor General shall report to Dáil Eireann at stated periods as determined by law.
5. 1° The Comptroller and Auditor General shall not be removed from office except for stated misbehaviour or incapacity, and then only upon resolutions passed by Dáil Eireann and by Seanad Eireann calling for his removal.  
  
2° The Taoiseach shall duly notify the President of any such resolutions as aforesaid passed by Dáil Eireann and by Seanad Eireann and shall send him a copy of each such resolution certified by the Chairman of the House of the Oireachtas by which it shall have been passed.  
  
3° Upon receipt of such notification and of copies of such resolutions, the President shall forthwith, by an order under his hand and Seal, remove the Comptroller and Auditor General from office.
6. Subject to the foregoing, the terms and conditions of the office of Comptroller and Auditor General shall be determined by law.



## AN TÁRD-REACTAIRE CUNNTAS AGUS CISTE.

### AIRTEAGAL 33.

1. Deirō ÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste ann cun gac caiteamh airgid do riaslú tar ceann an Stáit, agus cun iniúcadó do déanamh ar gac uile cunntas ar airgead a riartar ag an Oireachtas nó fá ughdaráis an Oireachtais.
2. Is ag an Uachtarán a ceapfar an TÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste, ar n-a ainmniú sin ag Dáil Éireann.
3. Ní ceao an TÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste beic ina comalta de ceactar de Tígtib an Oireachtais, ná beic i n-aon oifis ná post sócáir eile.
4. Ní foláir don ÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste tuarascbála do cur ós comair Dáil Éireann ar trátaib áirithe mar cinnfear le dligeaó.
5. 1° Ní ceao an TÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste do cur as oifis ac amáin de deascuib mí-iomcáir nó mítreóra a luadpar, ná an uair sin féin muna ritio Dáil Éireann agus Seanad Éireann rúin dá éileamh é cur as oifis.  
 2° Rúin ar bit den tsórt sin a ritio Dáil Éireann agus Seanad Éireann ní foláir don Taoiseac scéala a tabairt don Uachtarán ina dtuob go cuibhe, agus cóib de gac rúin den tsamail sin do seolaó cuige fá teastas cátaoirleac an Tíge den Oireachtas do rit é.  
 3° Láitreach d'éis na scéala sin agus cóibeanna de na rúnaib sin o'fagáil don Uachtarán ní foláir dó, le hordú fá n-a láimh is fá n-a Séala, an TÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste do cur as oifis.
6. Fá cuimsiú na neite sin roimhinn, is le dligeaó a cinnfear coingeallaca agus cúmsí oifis an ÁRD-Reactaire Cunntas agus Ciste.



## THE COURTS.

## Article 34.

1. Justice shall be administered in public courts established by law by judges appointed in the manner provided by this Constitution.

2. The Courts shall comprise Courts of First Instance and a Court of Final Appeal.

3. 1° The Courts of First Instance shall include a High Court invested with full original jurisdiction in and power to determine all matters and questions whether of law or fact, civil or criminal.

2° The jurisdiction of the High Court shall extend to the question of the validity of any law having regard to the provisions of this Constitution, and in all cases in which any such matter shall come into question the High Court alone shall exercise original jurisdiction.

3° The Courts of First Instance shall also include Courts of local and limited jurisdiction with a right of appeal as determined by law.

4. 1° The Court of Final Appeal shall be called the Supreme Court.

2° The president of the Supreme Court shall be called the Chief Justice.

3° The Supreme Court shall, with such exceptions and subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by law, have appellate jurisdiction from all decisions of the High Court and shall also have appellate jurisdiction from such decisions of other courts as may be prescribed by law.

4° No law shall be enacted excepting from the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court cases which involve questions as to the validity of any law having regard to the provisions of this Constitution.



## NA CÚIRTEANNA.

### AIRTEAGAL 34.

1. Is í Scúirteannaibí poiblíde a bunuigítear le dlígeadh, agus as breiteannaibí a ceaptar ar an modh atá leagtha amach sa Bunreacht so, a riarrfadh Ceart.

2. Beiríodh ar na cúirteannaibí sin Cúirteanna Céad-céime agus Cúirt Aicómairc Deiridh.

3. 1<sup>o</sup> Beiríodh ar na Cúirteannaibí Céad-céime sin Árd-Cúirt agus a mbeirí lán-dlíginse bunaidh, agus cumhacht éun breith do tábairt, i ngnáth ní agus ceist dlíginse nó fíris cibé sibialta nó coireadh iad.

2<sup>o</sup> Beiríodh dlíginse agus an Árd-Cúirt maidir leis an gceist sin bail do beith nó gan a beith ar don dlígeadh, agus féadaint o'foráiltibí an Bunreacht so, agus i ngnáth cás ina mbeirí ní den tsórt sin i gceist is í an Árd-Cúirt amháin oibreoicas dlíginse bunaidh.

3<sup>o</sup> Beiríodh ar na Cúirteannaibí Céad-céime, fairsin sin, Cúirteanna agus a mbeirí dlíginse teoranta áiteamail maille le ceart aicómairc ina n-ádhaidh fá mar cinnfear le dlígeadh.

4. 1<sup>o</sup> An Cúirt Uachtarach is teideal don Cúirt Aicómairc Deiridh.

2<sup>o</sup> An Prím-Breiteam is teideal o' uachtarán na Cúirte Uachtaraíse.

3<sup>o</sup> Taoibí amuis de cibé eisceachta agus fá cuimsiú cibé riaghlacha ordócar le dlígeadh, beiríodh dlíginse aicómairc agus an Scúirt Uachtaraíse ar breachaibí uile na hÁrd-Cúirte agus, fairsin sin, ar na breachaibí sin ó cúirteannaibí eile a ordócar le dlígeadh.

4<sup>o</sup> Ní ceadh don dlígeadh o'actú do cuirfeadh ar an taoibí amuis de dlíginse aicómairc na Cúirte Uachtaraíse cásanna ina mbeadh ceisteanna le réirteadh i taoibí bail do beith nó gan a beith ar don dlígeadh, agus féadaint o'foráiltibí an Bunreacht so.



**Article 34** (*continued*).

5° The decision of the Supreme Court shall in all cases be final and conclusive.

5. 1° Every person appointed a judge under this Constitution shall make and subscribe the following declaration:

“ In the presence of Almighty God I do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and power execute the office of Chief Justice (*or as the case may be*) without fear or favour, affection or ill-will towards any man, and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws. May God direct and sustain me.”

2° This declaration shall be made and subscribed by the Chief Justice in the presence of the President, and by each of the other judges of the Supreme Court, the judges of the High Court and the judges of every other Court in the presence of the Chief Justice or the senior available judge of the Supreme Court in open court.

3° The declaration shall be made and subscribed by every judge before entering upon his duties as such judge, and in any case not later than ten days after the date of his appointment or such later date as may be determined by the President.

4° Any judge who declines or neglects to make such declaration as aforesaid shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

**Article 35.**

1. The judges of the Supreme Court, the High Court and all other Courts established in pursuance of Article 34 hereof shall be appointed by the President.



AIRTEAGAL 34 (ar leanamaint).

5° Ní beirí dul tar breic na Cúirte Uachtaraíge i gcás ar bit.

5. 1° Sác duine a ceapfar cun beic ina breicéam fán mBunreacht so ní foláir dó an dearbáid so leanas do déanam agus a lám do cur leis:

“ 1 láchair Dia na nUilecumácht táimse, , dá geallamaint agus dá dearbáid so sollamanta agus so fírinneac so scoimlíonfad so cuibe agus so dílis, com mait agus is eol agus is cumas dom, oifis an Prím-Breicim (nó do réir mar oireas) san eagla san claonad, san báir san droc-aighe cun duine ar bit, agus so gcumadócaid Bunreacht agus dlíste Éireann. Dia dom stiúraid agus dom cumadac.”

2° Is i láchair an Uachtaráin a déanfaid an Prím-Breicéam an dearbáid sin agus a cuirfid a lám leis, agus is insan cúirt so poiblíde agus i láchair an Prím-Breicim nó an Breicim is neasa sinsearaict do a beas ar fásáil de breicéamnaid na Cúirte Uachtaraíge a déanfaid sác breicéam den Árd-Cúirt agus de sác Cúirt eile an dearbáid sin agus a cuirfid lám leis.

3° Ní foláir do sác breicéam an dearbáid do déanam agus a lám do cur leis sara dtéigfid i gcúram dualgas a oifise, agus cibé scéal é, ar dáta nac déirdeanaíge ná deic lá tar éis lae a ceapta, nó dáta is déirdeanaíge ná sin mar cinnfid an tUachtarán.

4° Don breicéam a díultócas nó a fáilleocas an dearbáid réamráidte do déanam ní foláir a meas so bfuil scartha aige le n-a oifis.

AIRTEAGAL 35.

1. Is as an Uachtarán a ceapfar breicéamain na Cúirte Uachtaraíge, na hÁrd-Cúirte agus an uile Cúirte eile a bunuigítear do bun Airteagail 34 den Bunreacht so.



**Article 35** (*continued*).

2. All judges shall be independent in the exercise of their judicial functions and subject only to this Constitution and the law.
3. No judge shall be eligible to be a member of either House of the Oireachtas or to hold any other office or position of emolument.
4. 1<sup>o</sup> A judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court shall not be removed from office except for stated misbehaviour or incapacity, and then only upon resolutions passed by Dáil Eireann and by Seanad Eireann calling for his removal.

2<sup>o</sup> The Taoiseach shall duly notify the President of any such resolutions passed by Dáil Eireann and by Seanad Eireann, and shall send him a copy of every such resolution certified by the Chairman of the House of the Oireachtas by which it shall have been passed.

3<sup>o</sup> Upon receipt of such notification and of copies of such resolutions, the President shall forthwith, by an order under his hand and Seal, remove from office the judge to whom they relate.

5. The remuneration of a judge shall not be reduced during his continuance in office.

**Article 36.**

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Constitution relating to the Courts, the following matters shall be regulated in accordance with law, that is to say:—

- i. the number of judges of the Supreme Court, and of the High Court, the remuneration, age of retirement and pensions of such judges,
- ii. the number of the judges of all other Courts, and their terms of appointment, and
- iii. the constitution and organization of the said Courts, the distribution of jurisdiction and business among the said Courts and judges, and all matters of procedure.



**AIRTEAGAL 35** (AR LEANAMHAINC).

2. Beiré gac breiteamh saor neamh-spleadóac maidir le n-a fheadomanna breiteamhán d'oiriú, gan de smact air ac an bunreacht so agus an dligeat.
3. Ní ceat don breiteamh do beic ina comalta de ceactar de tígctib an Oireactais, ná beic i n-don oifis ná post sochair eile.
4. 1° Ní ceat breiteamh den Cúirt Uactarais ná den Árd-Cúirt do cur as oifis ac amáin de deascuib mí-iomchair nó mítreóra a luatpar, ná an uair sin féin muna ritio Dáil Éireann agus Seanad Éireann rúin dá éileam é cur as oifis.  
 2° Rúin ar bit den tsórt sin a ritio Dáil Éireann agus Seanad Éireann ní poláir don Taoiseac scéala do tabairt don Uactarán ina dtatob so cuibe agus cóib de gac rúin díob do seolaó cuige fá teastas Cataoirleac an Tighe den Oireactas do rit é.  
 3° Láitreadac d'éis na scéala sin agus cóib-eanna de na rúnaib sin d'fagáil don Uactarán ní poláir dó, le hortú fá n-a láim is fá n-a Séala, an breiteamh le n-a mbainio do cur as oifis.
5. Ní ceat lagtóú do déanamh ar tuarastal breitim an fáio is beiré in oifis.

**AIRTEAGAL 36.**

Fá cuimsiú na bporáiltí sin roimhin den Bunreacht so a baineas leis na Cúirteannaib is do réir dlighio a riaglócar na neite seo leanas .1.

- i. líon breiteamhán na Cúirte Uactaraisge, agus na hÁrd-Cúirte; tuarastal, aois scorta agus pinsin na mbreiteamhán sin,
- ii. líon breiteamhán gac Cúirte eile, agus na coingeallaca fá sceaptar iad, agus
- iii. comróanam agus comheagraideact na gCúirteanna sin, roinnt na dlighinse agus na hoibre ar na Cúirteannaib sin agus ar na breiteamhnaib sin, agus gac ní baineas le nós imeacta.



**Article 37.**

Nothing in this Constitution shall operate to invalidate the exercise of limited functions and powers of a judicial nature, in matters other than criminal matters, by any person or body of persons duly authorised by law to exercise such functions and powers, notwithstanding that such person or such body of persons is not a judge or a court appointed or established as such under this Constitution.

## TRIAL OF OFFENCES.

**Article 38.**

1. No person shall be tried on any criminal charge save in due course of law.

2. Minor offences may be tried by courts of summary jurisdiction.

3. 1° Special courts may be established by law for the trial of offences in cases where it may be determined in accordance with such law that the ordinary courts are inadequate to secure the effective administration of justice, and the preservation of public peace and order.

2° The constitution, powers, jurisdiction and procedure of such special courts shall be prescribed by law.

4. 1° Military tribunals may be established for the trial of offences against military law alleged to have been committed by persons while subject to military law and also to deal with a state of war or armed rebellion.

2° A member of the Defence Forces not on active service shall not be tried by any courtmartial or other military tribunal for an offence cognisable by the civil courts unless such offence is within the jurisdiction of any courtmartial or other military tribunal under any law for the enforcement of military discipline.



AIRTEAGAL 37.

Aon duine nó aon dream go n-úsáruítear go cuibhe dóib le dlígeadh feadomanna agus cumadta teoranta breiteamhais o'oiriú i scúrsaib ná cúrsaí coireadta, má oibrígeo na feadomanna agus na cumadta sin ní beir an t-oibríú sin san bail dlígeo de bích aon ní ins an bunreacht so, siú is ná breiteam ná cúirt do ceapadh nó do bunúgeadh mar breiteam nó mar cúirt fán mbunreacht so an duine nó an dream sin.

TRIAIL 1 SCIONTAIB.

AIRTEAGAL 38.

1. Ní ceadh éinne do triail i n-aon cúis coirctiú ac mar is cuibhe do réir dlígeo.
2. Féadfar mion-cionta do triail as cúirteanna dlíginse atcomaire.
3. 1° Féadfar cúirteanna fá leith do bunú le dlígeadh cun cionta do triail i scásannaib go scinnfead ina dtadob, do réir an dlígeo sin, ná leor na gnáth-cúirteanna cun riardadh cirt do cur i bfeidhm le héireacht agus cun síotcáim agus ord poiblíde do éadomna.  
2° Is le dlígeadh a socrócar comhdéanam, cumadta, dlíginse agus nós imeadta na scúirteanna fá leith sin.
4. 1° Féadfar binnsí míleata do bunú cun daoine do triail i sciontaib i n-ádhaidh dlígeo míleata aoirtear do rinneadair le linn a mbeith fá dlígeadh míleata, agus fós cun broic le heisic nó le ceannairc fá arm.

2° Duine de na fórsaib cosanta ná fuil ar fianas ní ceadh é triail i láthair aon arm-cúirte ná binnsé míleata eile i scion is intrialte insna cúirteannaib sibialta, muna cion é atá fá dlíginse aon arm-cúirte nó binnsé míleata eile fá aon dlígeadh cun smacht míleata do cur i bfeidhm.



**Article 38** (*continued*).

5. Save in the case of the trial of offences under section 2, section 3 or section 4 of this Article no person shall be tried on any criminal charge without a jury.
6. The provisions of Articles 34 and 35 of this Constitution shall not apply to any court or tribunal set up under section 3 or section 4 of this Article.

**Article 39.**

Treason shall consist only in levying war against the State, or assisting any State or person or inciting or conspiring with any person to levy war against the State, or attempting by force of arms or other violent means to overthrow the organs of government established by this Constitution, or taking part or being concerned in or inciting or conspiring with any person to make or to take part or be concerned in any such attempt.

**FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.****Personal Rights.****Article 40.**

1. All citizens shall, as human persons, be held equal before the law.

This shall not be held to mean that the State shall not in its enactments have due regard to differences of capacity, physical and moral, and of social function.

2. 1° Titles of nobility shall not be conferred by the State.

2° No title of nobility or of honour may be accepted by any citizen except with the prior approval of the Government.



AIRTEAGAL 38 (ar leanamaint).

5. Ní cead duine do triail i n-aon cúis coirctiú ac i láthair coiste tiomanta, ac amháin i gcás cionta do triail fá alt 2, alt 3 nó alt 4 den Airteagal so.
6. Ní bainfó foráiltí Airteagail 34 ná Airteagail 35 den Bunreacht so le haon cúirt ná le haon binnse a bunócar fá alt 3 nó alt 4 den Airteagal so.

AIRTEAGAL 39.

Is é amháin is tréas ann: coşad do cur ar an Stát, nó cabrú le stát nó le duine ar bít, nó saigeadad fá duine, nó beic i gcomceilt le duine, cun coşad do cur ar an Stát; nó iarraçt do déanam le harm nó ar moð foiréigheac eile ar na hordain riagaltas a bunuigheac leis an mbunreacht so do trascairt; nó páirt nó baint do beic as neac le n-a leicéio sin o'iarraçt, nó éinne do saigeadad nó beic i gcomceilt leis cun a déanta nó cun páirt nó baint do beic aise léi.

bun-cirt.

cirt pearsanta.

AIRTEAGAL 40.

1. Áirimtear gurb ionann ina bpearsain daonna na saoránaig uile i láthair an dlighó.

Ac ní hiontuigte as sin ná féacfaid an Stát go cuibe, ina cuio acacán, don deiprideact atá roir daoinib ina mbuaduib corporda agus ina mbuaduib móralta agus ina bfeiom comdaonnaig.

2. 1° Ní cead don Stát sairm uaisleacta do bronnao ar éinne.

2° Ní cead o'aon tsaoanáac sairm uaisleacta ná sairm onóra do glacad ac le haonta roim ré ón Riagaltas.



**Article 40** (*continued*).

3. 1° The State guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate the personal rights of the citizen.

2° The State shall, in particular, by its laws protect as best it may from unjust attack and, in the case of injustice done, vindicate the life, person, good name, and property rights of every citizen.

4. 1° No citizen shall be deprived of his personal liberty save in accordance with law.

2° Upon complaint being made by or on behalf of any person that he is being unlawfully detained, the High Court and any and every judge thereof shall forthwith enquire into the same and may make an order requiring the person in whose custody such person shall be detained to produce the body of the person so detained before such court or judge without delay and to certify in writing as to the cause of the detention, and such Court or judge shall thereupon order the release of such person unless satisfied that he is being detained in accordance with the law.

3° Nothing in this section, however, shall be invoked to prohibit, control, or interfere with any act of the Defence Forces during the existence of a state of war or armed rebellion.

5. The dwelling of every citizen is inviolable and shall not be forcibly entered save in accordance with law.

6. 1° The State guarantees liberty for the exercise of the following rights, subject to public order and morality:—

i. The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions.

The education of public opinion being, however, a matter of such grave import to the common good,



## AIRTEAGAL 40 (AR LEANAMÁINT).

3. 1<sup>o</sup> Ráthúigeann an Stát san cur isteach le n-a dlíochtí ar cheartaí pearsanta don tsaoránais, agus ráthúigeann fós na cirt sin do chosaint is do shuídeam le n-a dlíochtí sa méid gur féidir é.

2<sup>o</sup> Déanfaid an Stát, go sonnraðac, le n-a dlíochtí, beata agus pearsa agus deas-clú agus maoin-círt an uile saoránais do chosaint ar ionnsaíge éascóraac com fáda le n-a cúmas, agus iad do shuídeam i gcás éascóra.

4. 1<sup>o</sup> Ní cead a saoirse pearsanta do baint d'aon tsaoránac ac amáin do réir dlíochtí.

2<sup>o</sup> Nuair déanann duine ar bít gearán, nó nuair déantar gearán tar ceann duine ar bít, go bfuiltear dá coinneáil ina bráige go haindeachtac, ní foláir don Árd-Cúirt agus d'aon breiteam agus do gcá uile breiteam den cúirt sin fiosrú do déanam láitreach i dtaoib an gearáin sin, agus féadfaid ordú do déanam dá ceangal ar an té as a bfuil an bráige i lámh an bráige sin do tabairt ina pearsain i láthair na cúirte nó an breicim sin san moill, agus fáct a braitheanais d'innsint le teastas scríobta: agus air sin ní foláir don Cúirt nó don breiteam sin ordú a tabairt cun an bráige sin do scaoilead muna deimín leo gur do réir dlíochtí atátar dá coinneáil.

3<sup>o</sup> Ac don gníom de gníomai na b'fórsaí Cosanta le linn eisíte nó ceannairce fá arm, ní cead don ní dá bfuil insan alt so d'asairt cun an gníom sin do toirmeasc nó do riasglú nó do bac.

5. Is slán do gcá saoránac a ionad comhairte, agus ní cead dul isteach ann go foiréigheac ac do réir dlíochtí.

6. 1<sup>o</sup> Ráthúigeann an Stát saoirse cun na cirt seo leanas d'oibriú ac san do beic fá réir uirí is móraltaeta poiblíde:—

i. Ceart na saoránac cun a ndeimní is a dtuairimí do noctad san bac.

Ac toisc oileamaint aighe an pobail do beic com tabaeta sin do leas an



**Article 40** (*continued*).

the State shall endeavour to ensure that organs of public opinion, such as the radio, the press, the cinema, while preserving their rightful liberty of expression, including criticism of Government policy, shall not be used to undermine public order or morality or the authority of the State.

The publication or utterance of blasphemous, seditious, or indecent matter is an offence which shall be punishable in accordance with law.

- ii. The right of the citizens to assemble peaceably and without arms.

Provision may be made by law to prevent or control meetings which are determined in accordance with law to be calculated to cause a breach of the peace or to be a danger or nuisance to the general public and to prevent or control meetings in the vicinity of either House of the Oireachtas.

- iii. The right of the citizens to form associations and unions.

Laws, however, may be enacted for the regulation and control in the public interest of the exercise of the foregoing right.

2° Laws regulating the manner in which the right of forming associations and unions and the right of free assembly may be exercised shall contain no political, religious or class discrimination.

**The Family.****Article 41.**

1. 1° The State recognises the Family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a



**Airteagal 40** (ar leanamaint).

Bobail, féadfaid an Stát le n-a cur i n-áiríche ná déanfar orgáin aighe an pobail, mar shampla, an raidió is an preas is an cineama, d'úsáid cun an t-oro nó an móráltacht poiblíde nó ugharás an Stáit do bhonn-brisead. Insan am céadna coimeádfaid na horgáin sin an tsaoirse is oleacht dóib cun tuairimí do noctad agus orda sin tuairimí léirneasa ar beartas an Rialtais.

Don ní diamaslaic nó ceannairceac nó draosta d'foillsiú nó d'aitris is cion inphionóis é do réir dlí.

- ii. Ceart na saoránaic cun teacht ar tionól go síteoilte san arm.

Féadfar socrú do déanam do réir dlí cun cosc do cur nó rialú do déanam ar tionólaib go scinnfear do réir dlí gur baogal brisead síotcána do teacht dóib nó gur contaobairt nó crádnas don pobal i scoiteinne id, agus fós ar tionólaib i scomgar do ceactar de tígib an Oireactais.

- iii. Ceart na saoránaic cun comlaicais agus cumainn do bunú.

Ac is cead dlí d'actú cun oibriú an éirt réamráite do rialú agus do stiúraid ar maite leis an bpobal.

2° Ní cead don idirdealú, maidir le poiliticeacht nó creideamh nó aicmí, do beic i ndlí d rialúigeas mod oibriú an éirt cun comlaicais agus cumainn do bunú agus an éirt cun teacht le céile ar saor-tionól.

**An Teaglac.**

**Airteagal 41.**

1. 1° Domuigeann an Stát gur é an Teaglac is buidean-dona príomda bunaid don comdonnaic



**Article 41** (*continued*).

moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.

2° The State, therefore, guarantees to protect the Family in its constitution and authority, as the necessary basis of social order and as indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State.

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.

3. 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.

2° No law shall be enacted providing for the grant of a dissolution of marriage.

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.

**Education.****Article 42.**

1. The State acknowledges that the primary and natural educator of the child is the Family and guarantees to respect the inalienable right and duty of parents to provide, according to their means, for the religious and moral, intellectual, physical and social education of their children.



**AIRTEAGAL 41** (ar leanamaint).

DO RÉIR NÁDÚRA, AGUS SUR FORAS MÓRÁLTA É AG A  
BPUIL CIRT DO-SANNTA DO-CLAOIÓTE IS ÁRSA AGUS IS  
AIRDE NÁ DON REACT DADONNA.

2° Ós é an Teaghlac is poeá riactanae don  
oro comdonnae agus os eigeantae é do leas an  
náisiúin agus an Stát, rátuigeann an Stát com-  
suidheam agus ugaras an Teaghlais do éadonna.

2. 1° So sonnae, admuigeann an Stát so otu-  
ann an bean don Stát, trí n-a saogal insan teaghlac,  
congnam ná feadpai leas an pobail do gnoeacan  
da éagmuis.

2° Uime sin, feadpai an Stát le n-a cur i  
n-áiríe ná beir ar máitreaeab cloinne, de  
deasaeab uireasba, dul le saotar agus faillíe do  
eabairt da éionn sin ina nualais insan teaghlac.

3. 1° Ós ar an bpósaó atá an Teaghlac bunuigte  
gabann an Stát air fein coimirce fá leic do éadann  
ar oro an pósta agus é éosaint ar ionnsaíe.

2° Ní ceao olígeao ar bit o'actú a bearpao  
cumact eun pósaó do scaoileao.

3° I gcás pósaó uime ar bit do scaoileao fá  
olígeao síbialta don Stát eile agus an pósaó san,  
agus bail olígio air, do beic ann fós fán olígeao  
beas i bfeiom i n-alt na huairé taob istig de olíginse  
an Riagaltais agus na párlaiminte bunuigtear  
leis an mbunreact so, ní feadpai an uime sin  
pósaó ar a mbeao bail olígio do éadann taob  
istig den olíginse sin an fáo is beo don uime  
eile bí sa cuing pósta do scaoileao amlao.

**OIDEACAS.**

**AIRTEAGAL 42.**

1. Admuigeann an Stát surb é an Teaghlac is mán-  
teoir príomda outcasae don leand, agus  
rátuigeann san cur isteaó ar ceart do-sannata  
ná ar nualais do-sannata tuistí eun oideacas  
do réir a n-acfuinne do cur ar faeail da gclainn  
i gcúrsaib creiom, móraltae, intleaeta, cuirp  
agus comdonnaeta.



**Article 42** (*continued*).

2. Parents shall be free to provide this education in their homes or in private schools or in schools recognised or established by the State.

3. 1° The State shall not oblige parents in violation of their conscience and lawful preference to send their children to schools established by the State, or to any particular type of school designated by the State.

2° The State shall, however, as guardian of the common good, require in view of actual conditions that the children receive a certain minimum education, moral, intellectual and social.

4. The State shall provide for free primary education and shall endeavour to supplement and give reasonable aid to private and corporate educational initiative, and, when the public good requires it, provide other educational facilities or institutions with due regard, however, for the rights of parents, especially in the matter of religious and moral formation.

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.

**Private Property.****Article 43.**

1. 1° The State acknowledges that man, in virtue of his rational being, has the natural right, antecedent to positive law, to the private ownership of external goods.



## ARTIOLA 42 (ar leanamaint).

2. Tí le tuistib an t-oideachas sin do cur ar fásáil dá sclainn as baile nó i scoláib príobáideacha nó i scoláib a domhúiscear nó a bunúiscear as an Stát.

3. 1° Ní cead don Stát a cur o'fíadaib ar tuistib, i n-ádháid a scoinsiais nó a rogha oileadaiße, a sclainn do cur ar scoláib a bunúiscear as an Stát nó ar don éineál áiríte scoile a ainmnúiscear as an Stát.

2° Ac ós é an Stát caomnaíde leasa an pobail ní foláir dó, toisc cor an lae, é déanam éiseantac minimum áiríte oideachais do tabairt do na leanbaid i gcúrsaib móráltaca, intleaca agus comhdaonnaaca.

4. Ní foláir don Stát socrú do déanam cun bun-oideachas do beic ar fásáil in aisce, agus iarraic do déanam cun cabrú go réasúnta agus cun cur le tionnscham oideachais ioir príobáideac agus cumanta agus, nuair is riactanas cun leasa an pobail é, áiseanna nó fionúireaca eile oideachais do cur ar fásáil, as féacaint go cuibe, ámtac, do ceartaib tuistí, go mór-mór maidir le múnla na haisne i gcúrsaib creiom is móráltaca.

5. I gcásaid neam-coitceanna nuair tárluigeann, ar cúiseannaib corporda nó ar cúiseannaib móráltaca, ná déanaid na tuistí a nualgais dá sclainn, ní foláir don Stát, ós é an Stát caomnaíde leasa an pobail, iarraic do déanam le beart oireamnac cun ionad na dtuistí do glacad, as féacaint go cuibe i scoimnaíde, ámtac, do ceartaib nádúrta do-élaíote an leinb.

## MAOIN PRÍOBÁIDEAC.

## ARTIOLA 43.

1. 1° Domhúigeann an Stát, toisc buad an réasúin do beic as an tuine, go bfuil sé de ceart nádúrta aise maoin tsaoğalta do beic aise dá curó fein go príobáideac, ceart is ársa ná reat daonna.



**Article 43** (*continued*).

2° The State accordingly guarantees to pass no law attempting to abolish the right of private ownership or the general right to transfer, bequeath, and inherit property.

2. 1° The State recognises, however, that the exercise of the rights mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Article ought, in civil society, to be regulated by the principles of social justice.

2° The State, accordingly, may as occasion requires delimit by law the exercise of the said rights with a view to reconciling their exercise with the exigencies of the common good.

**Religion.****Article 44.**

1. 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° 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.

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.



**AIRTEAŻAL 43** (AR LEANAMMINT).

2° Uime sin, ráttuigeann an Stát gan don tliúgeadó d'actú d'iarraidó an ceart sin, ná gnáit-éart an duine cun maoin do shannadó agus do tionsaíocht agus do glacadó ina hoireadact, do cur ar ceal.

2. 1° Ac domuigeann an Stát gur cuibhe, insan comhdonnact síbialta, oibríú na sceart atá luaithe insna foráiltib sin romáinn den Airteazal so do riaslú do réir bunriagláca an ċirt comhdonnais.

2° Uime sin, tis leis an Stát, do réir mar beas riactanaic, teóra do cur le hoibríú na sceart réamráite d'fonn an t-oibríú sin agus leas an pobail do tadbairt dá céile.

**CREIDEAM.****AIRTEAŻAL 44**

1. 1° Domuigeann an Stát go bfuil as dul do Dia na n-uilecúmaic é d'adradó le hómós go poiblíde. Beidó urraim as an Stát dá ainm, agus bearfaidó oirmíoin agus onóir do Creideam.

2° Domuigeann an Stát an céim fá leit atá as an Naomh-Eaglais Ċatoiliceac Aspailda Rómánac ós í is caomnaide don Creideam atá as árd-urmóir na saoránac.

3° Domuigeann an Stát, pairis sin, Eaglais na hÉireann, an Eaglais ċresbitéarac i nÉirinn, an Eaglais metoioistec i nÉirinn, Creideam-Ċumann na sCarad i nÉirinn, mar don leis na pobail lúdaica agus na haicmí eile creioim atá i nÉirinn lá an bunreacact so do tēact i ngníom.

2. 1° Ráttuigtear do sác saoránac saoirse coinsiais is saor-éad domála is cleactta creioim, ac gan san do dul cun dochair don ord poiblíde ná don móraltaic poiblíde.

2° Ráttuigeann an Stát gan don ċóras creioim do maoiniú.

3° Ní cead don Stát neac do cur fá mí-cumas ar bit ná don roirdealú do dēanam mar seall ar ċreideam nó domail creioim nó céim i scúrsaib creioim.



**Article 44** (*continued*).

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.

## DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL POLICY.

**Article 45.**

The principles of social policy set forth in this Article are intended for the general guidance of the Oireachtas. The application of those principles in the making of laws shall be the care of the Oireachtas exclusively, and shall not be cognisable by any Court under any of the provisions of this Constitution.

1. The State shall strive to promote the welfare of the whole people by securing and protecting as effectively as it may a social order in which justice and charity shall inform all the institutions of the national life.

2. The State shall, in particular, direct its policy towards securing

i. That the citizens (all of whom, men and women equally, have the right to an adequate means of livelihood) may through their occupations find the means of making reasonable provision for their domestic needs.



AIRTEAGAL 44 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

4° REACTAIRDEACT LE N-A SCUIRTEAR CONGNAM STÁIT AR FÁGÁIL DO SCOLAIB NÍ CEAD IDIRDEALÚ DO DÉANAMH INNTI IDIR SCOLAIB ATÁ FÁ BAINISTIĞE AICMÍ CREIDIMH SEACAS A CÉILE NÁ Í DO DÉANAMH DOCAIA DO CEART AON LEIMH CUN SCOIL A ĞEIBHEANN AIRGEAD POIBLİDE O'PREASTAL ĞAN TEAGASC CREIDIMH SA SCOIL SIN O'PREASTAL.

5° TÁ SÉ DE CEART AĞ ĞAC AICME CREIDIMH A NĞNÓTAÍ FÉIN DO BAINISTIĞE, AĞUS MAOIN, IDIR SO-AISTRİĞTE AĞUS DO-AISTRİĞTE, DO BEIT DÁ SCUID FÉIN ACA, AĞUS Í O'FÁGÁIL AĞUS DO RIARAĐ, AĞUS FONDÚIREACTA CUN CRÍCEANNA CREIDIMH IS CARTANNACTA DO COTADÁIL.

6° NÍ CEAD MAOIN AON AICME CREIDIMH NÁ AON FONDÚIREACTA OIDEACAIS DO BAINTE DÍOB AC AMÁIN LE HAĞAID OIBREACA RIACTANACA CUN ÁISE POIBLİDE, AĞUS SAN TAR ÉIS CÚITEAMH O'İOC LEO.

BUN-TREORA DO BEARTAS COMHONNAC.

AIRTEAGAL 45.

IS MAR ĞNÁCT-TREOIR DON OIREACTAS A CEAPAD NA BUNRIAĞLAÇA DO BEARTAS COMHONNAC ATÁ LEAĞTA AMAĆ INSAN AIRTEAGAL SO. IS AR AN OIREACTAS AMÁIN A BEID SÉ DE CÚRAM NA BUNRIAĞLAÇA SIN O'FEIDMİÚ I NDÉANAMH DLIĞTE, AĞUS NÍ HINTRIAILTE AĞ CÚIRT AR BIT CEIST I DTAOB AN FEIDMİĞTE SIN FÁ AON FORÁILEAMH O'FORÁILTİB AN DUNREACTA SO.

1. DÉANFAID AN STÁT A DÍCEALL CUN LEAS AN POBAIL UILE DO CÚR CUN CINN TRÍ ORD COMHONNAC, INA MBEID CEART AĞUS CARTANNACT AĞ RIAĞLÚ ĞAC FORAIS A BAINEAS LEIS AN SAOĞAL NÁISIÚNTA, DO CÚR I N-ÁIRİTE AĞUS DO CAOINNA COM FADA LE N-A CUMAS.

2. DÉANFAID AN STÁT, ĞO SONNRAĐAC, A BEARTAS DO STIÚRAD I SLİĞE ĞO SCUIRFEAR I N-ÁIRİTE:—

i. ĞO BPUİĞID NA SAORÁNAİĞ (AĞUS TÁ CEART ACA UILE, IDIR FEAR IS BEAN, CUN LEOR-SLİĞE BEACTAD), TRÍ N-A NĞARMAİB BEACTAD, CAOI CUN SOLÁCHAR RÉASÚNTA DO DÉANAMH DO RIACTANASAIB A DTEAĞLAC.



**Article 45** (*continued*).

- ii. That the ownership and control of the material resources of the community may be so distributed amongst private individuals and the various classes as best to subserve the common good.
- iii. That, especially, the operation of free competition shall not be allowed so to develop as to result in the concentration of the ownership or control of essential commodities in a few individuals to the common detriment.
- iv. That in what pertains to the control of credit the constant and predominant aim shall be the welfare of the people as a whole.
- v. That there may be established on the land in economic security as many families as in the circumstances shall be practicable.

3. 1° The State shall favour and, where necessary, supplement private initiative in industry and commerce.

2° The State shall endeavour to secure that private enterprise shall be so conducted as to ensure reasonable efficiency in the production and distribution of goods and as to protect the public against unjust exploitation.

4. 1° The State pledges itself to safeguard with especial care the economic interests of the weaker sections of the community, and, where necessary, to contribute to the support of the infirm, the widow, the orphan, and the aged.

2° The State shall endeavour to ensure that the strength and health of workers, men and women, and the tender age of children shall not be abused and that citizens shall not be forced by economic necessity to enter avocations unsuited to their sex, age or strength.



Airteagal 45 (ar leanamaint).

- ii. So roinnfear dílse agus urlámas justail saogalta an pobail ar pearsanaib príobáideacha agus ar na haicmib éagsaíla insan cuma is fearr a rachas cun leasa an pobail.
  - iii. So sonnradh, ná leisfear d'oiبریú na saor-iomairdeachta dul cun cinn i slíge so dtiocfaid de an dílse nó an t-urlámas ar earraib riachtanacha do beit ina lámhaib féin as beagán daoine cun dochar don pobal.
  - iv. Turb é leas an pobail uile is buan-cuspóir agus is príom-cuspóir a riaglóchas ina mbaineann le hurlámas creideamasa.
  - v. So mbunócar ar an talam fá slándáil geilleagrais an oiread teaghlac agus is féidir do réir cor an tsaoigail.
3. 1° féadfaid an Stát le ponn ar tionnscham príobáideach i gcúrsaib tionnscail is tráctála agus cuirfid leis nuair is gá do sin.
  - 2° Déanfaid an Stát iarracht cun a cur i n-áiríte so stiúrpar pionntraidheacht príobáideach i slíge sur deimhin so ndéanfar earraí do táirgeadh agus d'iomdál le hinneamlaict réasúnta agus so scosnócar an pobal ar bhabús éascórac.
  4. 1° Gabann an Stát air féin cosaint sonnradh do déanam ar leas geilleagraic na n-aicmí is luza cumacht den pobal agus, nuair beas riachtanas leis, cabair maireachtana do tabairt don easlán, don baintriis, don dílleacht agus don tsean.
  - 2° Déanfaid an Stát iarracht cun a cur i n-áiríte ná déanfar neart agus sláinte lucht oibre, roir fearaib is mnáib, ná maot-óige leanb d'éascórad, agus ná beid ar saoránaic, de deascaib uireasba, dul le garmaib ná hoireann dá ngné nó dá n-aois nó dá neart.



## AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

**Article 46.**

1. Any provision of this Constitution may be amended, whether by way of variation, addition, or repeal, in the manner provided by this Article.
2. Every proposal for an amendment of this Constitution shall be initiated in Dáil Eireann as a Bill, and shall upon having been passed or deemed to have been passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas, be submitted by Referendum to the decision of the people in accordance with the law for the time being in force relating to the Referendum.
3. Every such Bill shall be expressed to be "An Act to amend the Constitution".
4. A Bill containing a proposal or proposals for the amendment of this Constitution shall not contain any other proposal.
5. A Bill containing a proposal for the amendment of this Constitution shall be signed by the President forthwith upon his being satisfied that the provisions of this Article have been complied with in respect thereof and that such proposal 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.

## THE REFERENDUM.

**Article 47.**

1. Every proposal for an amendment of this Constitution which is submitted by Referendum to the decision of the people shall, for the purpose of Article 46 of this Constitution, be held to have been approved by the people, if, upon having been so submitted, a majority of the votes cast at such Referendum shall have been cast in favour of its enactment into law.
2. 1° Every Bill and every proposal, other than a proposal to amend the Constitution, which is submitted by Referendum to the decision of the people shall be held to have been vetoed by the people if a majority of the votes cast at such Referendum shall have been cast against its enactment into



## AN BUNREACT DO LEASÚ.

### AIRTEAGAL 46.

1. Is cead foráileam ar bit den Bunreact so do leasú, le hacarrú nó le breisiú nó le haisghairm, ar an modh socruighear leis an Airteagal so.
2. Sác togra cun an Bunreact so do leasú ní foláir é tionnscham i nDáil Éireann ina Bille, agus nuair a rithear nó a meastar a ritead é ag dá tús an Oireachtais ní foláir é cur fá breit an pobail le Reifreann do réir an dlíghó beas i bfeidm i dtaobh an Reifrinn i n-alt na huaire.
3. Ní foláir a luaó i nSác Bille den tsórt sin é beit ina "Act cun an Bunreact do leasú".
4. Don Bille ina mbeid togra nó tograí cun an Bunreact so do leasú ní cead togra ar bit eile beit ann.
5. Don Bille ina mbeid togra cun an Bunreact so do leasú ní foláir don Uachtarán a lám do cur leis láitread, ar mbeit sásta dó sur coimhionad foráiltí an Airteagail seo ina taobh agus sur toiliú an pobal so cuibhe leis an togra sin do réir foráiltí ailt i d'Airteagal 47 den Bunreact so, agus ní foláir don Uachtarán é fósairt so cuibhe ina dlíghad.

## AN REIFREANN.

### AIRTEAGAL 47.

1. Sác togra déantar cun an Bunreact so do leasú agus a cuirtear fá breit an pobail le Reifreann, ní foláir a meas, cun críche Airteagail 46 den Bunreact so, so dtoiliúeann an pobal leis an togra sin má tárluigheann, tar éis é cur mar sin fá breit an pobail, sur ar taobh é actú ina dlíghad a tugtar tromlac na bótaí a tugtar insan Reifreann sin.
2. 1<sup>o</sup> Sác Bille agus Sác togra, nac togra cun leasuiúte an Bunreacta, a cuirtear fá breit an pobail le Reifreann ní foláir a meas so ndiultuigheann an pobal do más i n-aghaid é actú ina dlíghad a tugtar tromlac na bótaí a tugtar insan Reifreann



**Article 47 (continued).**

law and if the votes so cast against its enactment into law shall have amounted to not less than thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the voters on the register.

2° Every Bill and every proposal, other than a proposal to amend the Constitution, which is submitted by Referendum to the decision of the people shall for the purposes of Article 27 hereof be held to have been approved by the people unless vetoed by them in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing sub-section of this section.

3. Every citizen who has the right to vote at an election for members of Dáil Eireann shall have the right to vote at a Referendum.
4. Subject as aforesaid, the Referendum shall be regulated by law.

## REPEAL OF CONSTITUTION OF SAORSTÁT EIREANN AND CONTINUANCE OF LAWS.

**Article 48.**

The Constitution of Saorstát Eireann in force immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution and the Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Eireann) Act, 1922, in so far as that Act or any provision thereof is then in force shall be and are hereby repealed as on and from that date.

**Article 49.**

1. All powers, functions, rights and prerogatives whatsoever exercisable in or in respect of Saorstát Eireann immediately before the 11th day of December, 1936, whether in virtue of the Constitution then in force or otherwise, by the authority in which the executive power of Saorstát Eireann was then vested are hereby declared to belong to the people.



AIRTEAGAL 47 (AR LEANAMAINC).

SIN, AGUS NAÓ LUŠA AN MÉIO BÓTAÍ A TUGTAR AMLAÍO  
I N-AŠAÍO É AÓTÚ INA DLIŠEAD NÁ CION TRÍ TRÍOCÁO  
IS TRIAN FÁN SCÉAD DE LÍON NA DOTOŠCÓIRÍ ATÁ AR AN  
ROLLA.

2º ŠAC BILLE AGUS ŠAC TOŠRA, NAÓ TOŠRA CUN  
LEASUIŠTE AN BUNREACTA, A CUIRTEAR FÁ BREIT AN  
POBAIL LE REIFREANN NÍ POLÁIR A MEAS, CUN CRÍCEANNA  
AIRTEAGAIL 27 DEN BUNREACT SO, ŠO DTOILIŠEANN AN  
POBAL LEIS MUNA NOIÚLTUIŠIO DÓ DO RÉIR FORÁILTÍ AN  
FÓ-AILT SIN ROMAINN DEN ALT SO.

3. ŠAC SAORÁNAC AS A BPUIL SÉ DE CEART BÓTÁIL  
I DOTOŠCÁN DO COMALTAÍB DE DÁIL ÉIREANN TÁ SÉ  
DE CEART AISE BÓTÁIL I REIFREANN.

4. FÁ CUIMSÍÚ NA NEITE RÉAMRÁIÓTE IS LE DLIŠEAD  
RIAGLÓCAR AN REIFREANN.

BUNREACT ŠAORSTÁT ÉIREANN D'AISGAIM  
AGUS DLIŠTE DO BUANÚ.

AIRTEAGAL 48.

AN BUNREACT A BEAS I BPEROM DO ŠAORSTÁT  
ÉIREANN DÍREAC ROIM LÁ AN BUNREACT SO DO TEACT  
I NŠNÍOM AGUS AN TACT UM BUNREACT ŠAORSTÁIT  
ÉIREANN, 1922, SA MÉIO ŠO MBEIO AN TACT SIN NO AON  
FORÁILEAM DE I BPEROM AN UAIR SIN, AISGAIMTEAR  
LEIS SEO IAD AGUS BEIO AISGAIMTE AN LÁ SIN AGUS  
AS SIN AMAÓ.

AIRTEAGAL 49.

1. ŠAC UILE CUMACT, PEROM, CEART AGUS SAN-CUMAS  
DO BÍ IONOIBRIŠTE I ŠAORSTÁT ÉIREANN NÓ I DTAOB  
ŠAORSTÁT ÉIREANN DÍREAC ROIM AN ILMÁO LÁ DE MÍ  
NOVLAS, 1936, CIBÉ ACA DE BUAD AN BUNREACTA A BÍ  
I BPEROM AN UAIR SIN É NÓ NAÓ EAD, AS AN UŠDARÁS  
AS A RAIB CUMACT COMALLAC ŠAORSTÁT ÉIREANN AN  
UAIR SIN, DEARBCTAR LEIS SEO ŠUR LEIS AN BPOTAL  
IAD UILE.



**Article 49** (*continued*).

2. It is hereby enacted that, save to the extent to which provision is made by this Constitution or may hereafter be made by law for the exercise of any such power, function, right or prerogative by any of the organs established by this Constitution, the said powers, functions, rights and prerogatives shall not be exercised or be capable of being exercised in or in respect of the State save only by or on the authority of the Government.

3. The Government shall be the successors of the Government of Saorstát Eireann as regards all property, assets, rights and liabilities.

**Article 50.**

1. Subject to this Constitution and to the extent to which they are not inconsistent therewith, the laws in force in Saorstát Eireann immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution shall continue to be of full force and effect until the same or any of them shall have been repealed or amended by enactment of the Oireachtas.

2. Laws enacted before, but expressed to come into force after, the coming into operation of this Constitution, shall, unless otherwise enacted by the Oireachtas, come into force in accordance with the terms thereof.

## TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.

**Article 51.**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 46 hereof, any of the provisions of this Constitution, except the provisions of the said Article 46 and this Article, may, subject as hereinafter provided, be amended by the Oireachtas, whether by way of variation, addition or repeal, within a period of three years after the date on which the first President shall have entered upon his office.



## AIRTEAGAL 49 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

2. Ac amáin sa méir go n'óantar socrú leis an mBunreacht so, nó go n'óanfar socrú ina d'iaid seo le dligeadh, cun go n-oibreochar, le haon organ dá mbunúigtear leis an mBunreacht so, don cúmácht, feiríom, ceart nó san-cumas díob sin, áctuígtear leis seo na c'leaghtac agus na c'feirí na cúmácta, na feiríomanna, na cirt, agus na san-cumais sin d'oibriú sa Stát nó i dtaobh an Stáit ac amáin as an Rialtas nó le huídarás an Rialtais.
3. Is é an Rialtas is comarda ar Rialtas Saorstát Éireann i gcás gac maoinne, sócmáinne, cirt agus feiceamhais.

## AIRTEAGAL 50.

1. Na dlígte beas i bfeiríom i Saorstát Éireann díreac roim lá an Bunreacht so do teacht i ngníom leanaí de beirí i lán-feiríom agus i lán-éifeacht, fá cuimsiú an Bunreacht so agus sa méir ná fuilí ina coinnib, go dtí go n-aisghairmtear nó go leasúigtear iad nó don cúir díob le haictú ón Oireachtas.
2. Dlígte beas áctuígte roim an mBunreacht so do teacht i ngníom agus go mbeirí luaidte ionnta iad do teacht i bfeiríom dá éis sin, tiocfaid i bfeiríom do réir mar luaidtear ionnta muna n-áctuígí an tOireachtas a málairt.

## FORÁILTÍ SEALADACA.

## AIRTEAGAL 51.

1. O'aindeoin don ní dá bfuil i nAirteagal 46 den Bunreacht so tig leis an Oireachtas, taobh istig de trí bliadhna tar éis an lae racas an céad uachtarán i gcúram a oifige agus fá cuimsiú na neite atá leaghta amac annso i n-ar n'iaid, leasú a'óanam, le haictarrú nó le breisiú nó le haighairm, ar don foráiltib den Bunreacht so taobh amuis d'foráiltib Airteagal 46 agus foráiltí an Airteagal seo féin



**Article 51** (*continued*).

2. A proposal for the amendment of this Constitution under this Article shall not be enacted into law if, prior to such enactment, the President, after consultation with the Council of State, shall have signified in a message under his hand and Seal addressed to the Chairman of each of the Houses of the Oireachtas that the proposal is in his opinion a proposal to effect an amendment of such a character and importance that the will of the people thereon ought to be ascertained by Referendum before its enactment into law.
3. The foregoing provisions of this Article shall cease to have the force of law immediately upon the expiration of the period of three years referred to in section 1 hereof.
4. This Article shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published after the expiration of the said period.

**Article 52.**

1. This Article and the subsequent Articles shall be omitted from every official text of this Constitution published after the date on which the first President shall have entered upon his office.
2. Every Article of this Constitution which is hereafter omitted in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Article from the official text of this Constitution shall notwithstanding such omission continue to have the force of law.

**Article 53.**

1. On the coming into operation of this Constitution a general election for Seanad Eireann shall be held in accordance with the relevant Articles of this Constitution as if a dissolution of Dáil Eireann had taken place on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution.
2. For the purposes of this Article references in the relevant provisions of this Constitution to a dissolution of Dáil Eireann



## AIRTEAGAL 51 (an leanamaint).

2. Don togra déantar cun an bunreacht so do leasú fán Airteagal so ní ceao é a dtú ina bliogadó má cuireann an tUachtarán, roim an a dtú sin agus d'éis comairle do glacadó leis an tComairle Stáit, teachtairacht fá n-a láim is fá n-a séala so dtí Caithoirleac sac tige fá leit den Oireachtas dá cur in iúl dóib gur é a tuairim gur togra é cun a leicéir sin de leasú tábachtac do déanam so mbaó cóir breic an pobail d'fágáil air le Reipreann sul a n-a dtócaí ina bliogadó é.
3. Beiró deiread le feirom bliogó na bforáiltí sin romainn den Airteagal so láitreach ar scaiteam na dtí mbliaóan a luaitéar i n-alt 1 den Airteagal so.
4. Ní foláir an tAirteagal so d'fágáil as sac téacs oifigeamail den bunreacht so dá bfoillseócar d'éis na tréimse réamráite.

## AIRTEAGAL 52.

1. Ní foláir an tAirteagal so agus na nAirteagail atá ina bliogó d'fágáil as sac téacs oifigeamail den bunreacht so dá bfoillseócar d'éis an lae racas an céao Uachtarán i tcuram a oifige.
2. Sac Airteagal den bunreacht so a fásfar dá éis seo as téacs oifigeamail an bunreacht so do réir na bforáiltí sin romainn den Airteagal so, leanfa sé d'feirom bliogó do beic aige d'aindeoin é beic fásca ar lár amlaio.

## AIRTEAGAL 53.

1. Ar dtéact i ngníom don bunreacht so, ní foláir olltoiscán do Seanad Éireann do déanam do réir na nAirteagal iomcuibe den bunreacht so, amail is go ndéanfaí dáil Éireann do lán-scor lá an bunreacht so do téact i ngníom.
2. Tagarta insna foráiltí iomcuibe den bunreacht so do dáil Éireann do lán-scor ní foláir, cun



**Article 53** (*continued*).

shall be construed as referring to the coming into operation of this Constitution, and in those provisions the expression "Dáil Eireann" shall include the Chamber of Deputies (Dáil Eireann) established by the Constitution hereby repealed.

3. The first assembly of Seanad Eireann shall take place not later than one hundred and eighty days after the coming into operation of this Constitution.

**Article 54.**

1. The Chamber of Deputies (Dáil Eireann) established by the Constitution hereby repealed and existing immediately before that repeal shall, on the coming into operation of this Constitution, become and be Dáil Eireann for all the purposes of this Constitution.
2. Every person who is a member of the said Chamber of Deputies (Dáil Eireann) immediately before the said repeal shall, on the coming into operation of this Constitution, become and be a member of Dáil Eireann as if he had been elected to be such member at an election held under this Constitution.
3. The member of the said Chamber of Deputies (Dáil Eireann) who is immediately before the said repeal Ceann Comhairle shall upon the coming into operation of this Constitution become and be the Chairman of Dáil Eireann.

**Article 55.**

1. After the coming into operation of this Constitution and until the first assembly of Seanad Eireann, the Oireachtas shall consist of one House only.
2. The House forming the Oireachtas under this Article shall be Dáil Eireann.
3. Until the first President enters upon his office, the Oireachtas shall be complete and capable of functioning notwithstanding that there is no President.



**AIRTEAGAL 53** (ar leanamaint).

CRÍCEANNA AN AIRTEAGAIL SEO, IAD DO LÉIRIÚ  
 INA DTAGARCAIB DON BUNREACT SO DO TEACT I  
 NGNIOM, AGUS AIRMEOCAR FÁN BFOCAL “DÁIL  
 ÉIREANN” INSNA FORÁILTIB SIN AN TIS TEACTAÍ  
 (DÁIL ÉIREANN) A BUNUIGEAD LEIS AN MBUNREACT A  
 AISGAIMTEAR LEIS SEO.

3. Beiró céad-tionól Seanad Éireann ann lá naé  
 déirdeanaige ná naoi bfióir lá tar éis teact i  
 ngníom don Bunreact so.

**AIRTEAGAL 54.**

1. An Tis Teactaí (Dáil Éireann) a bunuigead leis  
 an mbunreact a aisgairmtear leis an mbunreact  
 so, agus a beas ann díreac roim an aisgairm sin, is  
 é is Dáil Éireann cun críceanna uile an Bunreacta  
 so ar dteact i ngníom don Bunreact so.
2. Šac uile duine is comalta den Tis Teactaí sin  
 (Dáil Éireann) díreac roim an aisgairm sin is  
 comalta de Dáil Éireann é ar dteact i ngníom don  
 Bunreact so, amail is go dtošfaí ina comalta  
 de Dáil Éireann é i dtošcán a bead ann fán  
 mbunreact so.
3. An comalta den Tis Teactaí sin (Dáil Éireann)  
 is Ceann Comairle díreac roim an aisgairm sin,  
 is é is Cađaoirleac ar Dáil Éireann ar dteact i  
 ngníom don Bunreact so.

**AIRTEAGAL 55.**

1. Tar éis teact i ngníom don Bunreact so agus go  
 dtí go mbeiró céad-tionól Seanad Éireann ann  
 ní beiró san Oireactas ac don Tis amáin.
2. Is é Dáil Éireann an Tis is Oireactas fán  
 Airteagal so.
3. Šo dtí go dtéigiró an céad Uactarán i Šcúram a  
 oifige beiró an TOireactas iomlán agus i n-acpuinn  
 feadma bíoró Šan Uactarán do beiró ann.



**Article 55** (*continued*).

4. Until the first President enters upon his office, bills passed or deemed to have been passed by the House or by both Houses of the Oireachtas shall be signed and promulgated by the Commission hereinafter mentioned instead of by the President.

**Article 56.**

1. On the coming into operation of this Constitution, the Government in office immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall become and be the Government for the purposes of this Constitution and the members of that Government shall without any appointment under Article 13 hereof, continue to hold their respective offices as if they had been appointed thereto under the said Article 13.
2. The members of the Government in office on the date on which the first President shall enter upon his office shall receive official appointments from the President as soon as may be after the said date.
3. The Departments of State of Saorstát Eireann shall as on and from the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution and until otherwise determined by law become and be the Departments of State.
4. On the coming into operation of this Constitution, the Civil Service of the Government of Saorstát Eireann shall become and be the Civil Service of the Government.
5. Nothing in this Constitution shall prejudice or affect the terms, conditions, remuneration or tenure of any person who was in any Governmental employment immediately prior to the coming into operation of this Constitution.

**Article 57.**

1. The first President shall enter upon his office not later than one hundred and eighty days after the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution.



## AIRTEAGAL 55 (AR LEANAMAINTE).

4. Go dtí go dtéigíó an céad Uachtarán i gcúram a oifíse, don Billí a rithear nó a measpar a ritheo as an don Tíó nó as an dá Tíó den Oireachtas is iad an Coimisiún a luaitear annso i n-ar n-oidiú a cuirfeas lám leo agus fógrócas iad, i n-ionad an Uachtaráin.

## AIRTEAGAL 56.

1. Ar dteacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is é an Rialtas a beas in oifis díreac roim teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is Rialtas cun crícheanna an Bunreacht so, agus leanfaid comaltaí an Rialtais sin dá n-oifigib fá seac san iad do ceapad fá Airteagal 13 den Bunreacht so amail is go gceapfaí cun na n-oifigí sin iad fán Airteagal sin a 13.
2. Na comaltaí den Rialtas a beas in oifis an lá racas an céad Uachtarán i gcúram a oifíse, ceapfaid an tUachtarán go hoifigeamail iad com luac agus is féidir é tar éis an lae sin.
3. Is iad Ranna Stáit Šaorstát Éireann is Ranna Stáit lá an Bunreacht so do teacht i ngníomh agus ón lá sin amac agus go dtí go gcinntear a malairt le dlígead.
4. Is í Stát-šeirbís Rialtas Šaorstát Éireann Stát-šeirbís an Rialtais ar dteacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so.
5. Ní déanfaid don ní dá bfuil insan Bunreacht so dochar ná deifir do téarmaib oifíse, do coin-šeallacaid oifíse, do tuarastal, ná do sealbacas oifíse don duine dá raib in don postaireacht Rialtais díreac roim teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so.

## AIRTEAGAL 57.

1. Ní foláir an céad Uachtarán do dul i gcúram a oifíse lá nac déirdeanaíse ná naoi bfuicid lá tar éis lá an Bunreacht so do teacht i ngníomh.



**Article 57** (*continued*).

2. After the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution and pending the entry of the first President upon his office the powers and functions of the President under this Constitution shall be exercised by a Commission consisting of the following persons, namely, the Chief Justice, the President of the High Court, and the Chairman of Dáil Eireann.
3. Whenever the Commission is incomplete by reason of a vacancy in an office the holder of which is a member of the Commission, the Commission shall, during such vacancy, be completed by the substitution of the senior judge of the Supreme Court who is not already a member of the Commission in the place of the holder of such office, and likewise in the event of any member of the Commission being, on any occasion, unable to act, his place shall be taken on that occasion by the senior judge of the Supreme Court who is available and is not already a member, or acting in the place of a member, of the Commission.
4. The Commission may act by any two of their number.
5. The provisions of this Constitution which relate to the exercise and performance by the President of the powers and functions conferred on him by this Constitution shall apply to the exercise and performance of the said powers and functions by the said Commission in like manner as those provisions apply to the exercise and performance of the said powers and functions by the President.

**Article 58.**

1. On and after the coming into operation of this Constitution and until otherwise determined by law, the Supreme Court of Justice, the High Court of Justice, the Circuit Court of Justice and the District Court of Justice in existence immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution relating to the determination of questions as to the validity of any law, continue to exercise the same



AIRTEAGAL 57 (AR LEANAMAINTE).

2. TAR ÉIS LÁ AN BUNREACT SO DO TEACT I NGHÍOM AGUS SO DTÍ SO DTÉIGIÓ AN CÉAD UACTARÁN I SCURAM A OIFIGE IS IAD OIBREOCHAS CUMACHTA AGUS PEADOMANNA AN UACTARÁIN FÁN MBUNREACT SO NÁ COIMISIÚN DE NA DAOINIB SEO LEANAS .1. AN PRÍM-BREITEAM, UACTARÁN NA HÁRD-CÚIRTE AGUS CATAOIRLEAC DÁIL ÉIREANN.
3. AON UAIR A BEIÓ AN COIMISIÚN NEAM-IOMLÁN TOISC OIFIS SUR COMALTA DEN COIMISIÚN A SEALBÓIR DO BEIT FOLAM, NÍ FOLÁIR AN COIMISIÚN D'IOMLÁNÚ, AN FAID A BEIÓ AN OIFIS SIN FOLAM, TRÍO AN MBREITEAM SINSIR DEN CÚIRT UACTARAIŞ NAC COMALTA DEN COIMISIÚN CÉANA DO CUR AR AN SCOIMISIÚN I N-IONAD AN TÉ A BÍ I SEILB NA HOIFIGE SIN, AGUS FÓS MÁ BÍONN COMALTA DEN COIMISIÚN AR AON ÓCÁID SAN BEIT I SCUMAS PEADOMA NÍ FOLÁIR AN BREITEAM SINSIR DEN CÚIRT UACTARAIŞ A BEAS AR FAGÁIL, AGUS NÁ BEIÓ INA COMALTA DEN COIMISIÚN CÉANA NÁ AS GHÍOMÚ I N-IONAD COMALTA DE, DO SHÁIL IONAID AN COMALTA ÉASCUMASAIŞ SIN AR AN ÓCÁID SIN.
4. IS DLEAGTAC DON COIMISIÚN GHÍOMÚ TRÍ BEIRT AR BIT DÁ LÍON.
5. NA FORÁILTÍ DEN BUNREACT SO BAINEAS LEIS AN UACTARÁN D'OIBRIÚ AGUS DO COIMLIONAD NA SCUMACT AGUS NA BPEADOMANNA A BRONNTAR AIR LEIS AN MBUNREACT SO, BAINFIO LEIS AN SCOIMISIÚN SIN D'OIBRIÚ AGUS DO COIMLIONAD NA SCUMACT AGUS NA BPEADOMANNA SIN FÁ MAR BAINIO NA FORÁILTÍ SIN LEIS AN UACTARÁN D'OIBRIÚ AGUS DO COIMLIONAD NA SCUMACT AGUS NA BPEADOMANNA SIN.

AIRTEAGAL 58.

1. AR DTEACT I NGHÍOM DON BUNREACT SO AGUS DÁ ÉIS SIN AGUS SO DTÍ SO SCINNTEAR A MÁLAIRT LE DLIGEAD, NÍ FOLÁIR DON CÚIRT UACTARAIŞ, DON ÁRD-CÚIRT, DON CÚIRT CUARDA AGUS DON CÚIRT DUITCE A BEAS ANN DÍREAC ROIM TEACT I NGHÍOM DON BUNREACT SO LEANAMAINTE, FÁ CUIMSIÚ NA BFORÁILTÍ DEN BUNREACT SO A BAINEAS LE BREIT DO TABAIRT AR CEISTEANNAIB I DTAOB BAIL DO BEIT AR AON DLIGEAD,



**Article 58** (*continued*).

jurisdictions respectively as theretofore, and any judge or justice being a member of any such Court shall, subject to compliance with the subsequent provisions of this Article, continue to be a member thereof and shall hold office by the like tenure and on the like terms as theretofore unless he signifies to the Taoiseach his desire to resign.

2. Every such judge and justice who shall not have so signified his desire to resign shall make and subscribe the declaration set forth in section 5 of Article 34 of this Constitution.
3. This declaration shall be made and subscribed by the Chief Justice in the presence of the Taoiseach, and by each of the other judges of the said Supreme Court, the judges of the said High Court and the judges of the said Circuit Court in the presence of the Chief Justice in open court.
4. In the case of the justices of the said District Court the declaration shall be made and subscribed in open court.
5. Every such declaration shall be made immediately upon the coming into operation of this Constitution, or as soon as may be thereafter.
6. Any such judge or justice who declines or neglects to make such declaration in the manner aforesaid shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

**Article 59.**

On the coming into operation of this Constitution, the person who is the Attorney General of Saorstát Éireann immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall, without any appointment under Article 30



## AIRTEAGAL 58 (AR LEANAMHAINTE).

De na dlúghinsib céadna fá seac d'oibriú do bí  
 dá n-oibriú aca go nuise sin agus, ar an  
 scoingeall go scomliona sé na foráiltí seo i  
 n-ar n-oidiú den Airteagal so, leanfaid don  
 breiteam is comalta d'aon cúirt díob sin  
 de beic ina comalta den Cúirt sin, agus beid sé i  
 seilb oifige ar an sealbácas is ar na coingeallacaid  
 céadna ar a raib sé go nuise sin, muna scuirid i  
 n-iúil don Taoiseac sur mian leis éirge as.

2. Gac breiteam díob sin ná cuirfid i n-iúil ar an  
 gcuma sin sur mian leis éirge as oifis, ní foláir  
 dó an dearbhad atá i n-alt 5 d'Airteagal 34 den  
 Bunreacht so do déanam agus a lám do cur leis.
3. Is i láthair an Taoisigh a déanfaid an prím-  
 breiteam an dearbhad sin agus a cuirfid a lám  
 leis, agus is i láthair an prím-breitim insan  
 cúirt go poiblíde a déanfaid gac breiteam de  
 breiteamnaib eile na Cúirte Uachtaraige sin, de  
 breiteamnaib na hÁrd-Cúirte sin agus de breit-  
 eamnaib na Cúirte Cuarda sin, an dearbhad sin  
 agus a cuirfid a lám leis.
4. Is insan cúirt go poiblíde a déanfaid breitim  
 na Cúirte Dúitche sin an dearbhad agus a cuirfid  
 a lám leis.
5. Láitreach ar tteacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so  
 nó com luath agus is féidir é dá éis sin is ead  
 déanfar gac dearbhad díob sin.
6. Don breiteam díob sin a diúltócas nó a  
 failleócas an dearbhad sin do déanam ar an mod  
 réamráirde ní foláir a meas go bfuil scartha  
 aige le n-a oifis.

## AIRTEAGAL 59.

An té is prím-Atúrnáe Saorstát Éireann díreach  
 roim tteacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is é is Árd-  
 Aighe ar tteacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so amail  
 is go sceapfaí cun na hoifige sin é fá Airteagal



**Article 59** (*continued*).

of this Constitution, become and be the Attorney General as if he had been appointed to that office under the said Article 30.

**Article 60.**

On the coming into operation of this Constitution the person who is the Comptroller and Auditor General of Saorstát Eireann immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall, without any appointment under Article 33 of this Constitution, become and be the Comptroller and Auditor General as if he had been appointed to that office under the said Article 33.

**Article 61.**

1. On the coming into operation of this Constitution, the Defence Forces and the Police Forces of Saorstát Eireann in existence immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall become and be respectively the Defence Forces and the Police Forces of the State.

2. 1° Every commissioned officer of the Defence Forces of Saorstát Eireann immediately before the coming into operation of this Constitution shall become and be a commissioned officer of corresponding rank of the Defence Forces of the State as if he had received a commission therein under Article 13 of this Constitution.

2° Every officer of the Defence Forces of the State at the date on which the first President enters upon his office shall receive a commission from the President as soon as may be after that date.

**Article 62.**

This Constitution shall come into operation

- i. on the day following the expiration of a period of one hundred and eighty days after its approval by the people signified by a majority of the votes cast at a plebiscite thereon held in accordance with law, or,



**AIRTEAGAL 59** (ar leanamaint).

30 den Bunreacht so, agus sin san é ceapad fán Airteagal sin 30.

**AIRTEAGAL 60.**

An té is Ard-Scrútoir Saorstát Éireann díreac roim teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is é is Ard-Reachtair Cuntas is Ciste ar teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so amail is go sceapfaí cun na hoifige sin é fá Airteagal 33 den Bunreacht so, agus sin san é ceapad fán Airteagal sin 33.

**AIRTEAGAL 61.**

1. Na fórsaí Cosanta agus an póilíos a beas as Saorstát Éireann díreac roim teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is iad is fórsaí Cosanta agus is póilíos fá seac don Stát ar teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so.

2. 1<sup>o</sup> Sác oifigeac sarma dá mberó i b fórsaib Cosanta Saorstát Éireann díreac roim teacht i ngníomh don Bunreacht so is oifigeac sarma é ar an scéim céadna i b fórsaib Cosanta an Stáit, amail is go bfuigead sé sairm insna fórsaib sin fá Airteagal 13 den Bunreacht so.

2<sup>o</sup> Sác oifigeac a beas i b fórsaib Cosanta an Stáit an lá racas an céad uaectarán i scúram a oifige, geobá sé sairm oifigis ón uaectarán com luac agus is féidir é ina díaró sin.

**AIRTEAGAL 62.**

Tiocfaid an Bunreacht so i ngníomh

i. an céad lá d'éis tréimse naoi bfiaró lá tar éis an pobal do coilú leis agus dá cur san i n-iúl le tromlac de na bótaib a béarfad ar pobal-breic a déanfar ina taob do réir dlí, nó



**Article 62** (*continued*).

- ii. on such earlier day after such approval as may be fixed by a resolution of Dáil Éireann elected at the general election the polling for which shall have taken place on the same day as the said plebiscite.

**Article 63.**

A copy of this Constitution signed by the Taoiseach, the Chief Justice, and the Chairman of Dáil Éireann, shall be enrolled for record in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and such signed copy shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution. In case of conflict between the Irish and the English texts, the Irish text shall prevail.

*Dochum Glóire Dé*

*agus*

*Onóra na hÉireann.*



AIRTEAḠAL 62 (AR LEANAMAINṬ).

ii. LÁ IS LUAIṬE TAR ÉIS AN TOILḠṬE SIN, MÁ  
SOCRUIḠṬEAR AMLAÍO LE RÚN ÓN DÁIL  
ÉIREANN A TOḠPAR INSAN OILTOḠCÁN DÁ  
NÓÉANPAR BÓTÁIL LÁ NA POBAL-BREIṬE SIN.

AIRTEAḠAL 63.

NÍ FORÁIR CÓIB DEN BUNREACT SO FÁ LÁIM AN  
TAOISIḠ, AN PRÍM-BREITÍM, AḠUS CACAOIRLEAC DÁIL  
ÉIREANN DO CUR ISTEAḠ INA HIRIS I N-OIFIS IRISEOIR  
NA CÚIRTE UACTARAḠṬE AḠUS IS FIAḠNAISE DO-CLAOIRṬE  
AN CÓIB SÍḠNIṬE SIN AR FORÁILTÍB AN BUNREACTA SO.  
I ḠCÁS ḠAN AN TÉACS ḠAEṬILṬE AḠUS AN TÉACS SACS-  
BÉARLA DO BEIṬ DO RÉIR A CÉILE IS AḠ AN TÉACS  
ḠAEṬILṬE A BEIṬ AN FORLÁMAS.

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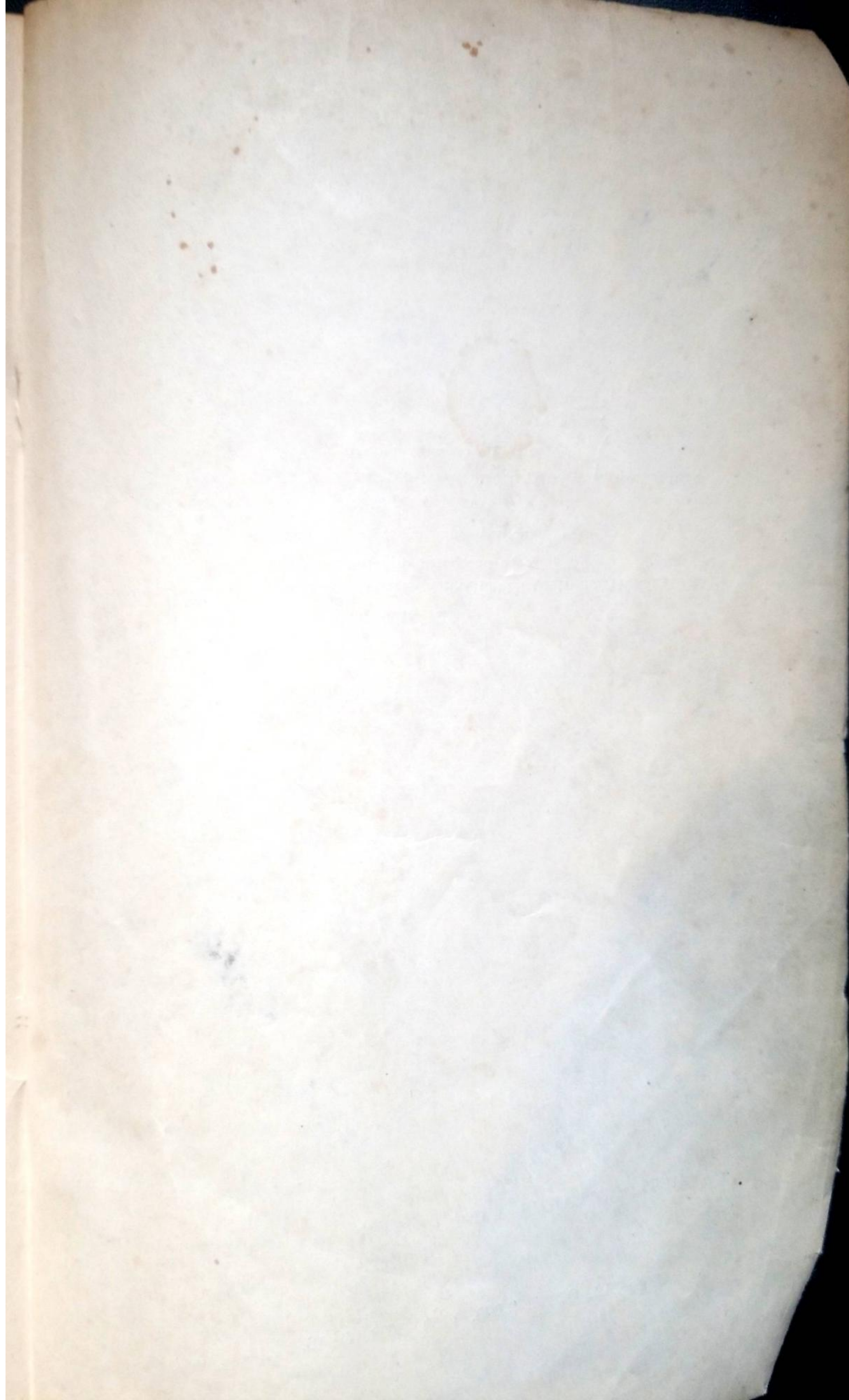


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