

5.5 Kerry — Limerick area

The total population of the four Kerry and Limerick constituencies, at 343,171, is equivalent to an allocation of 12 seats in a 158 member Dáil. As the area currently has an allocation of 13 seats a reduction of 1 seat is necessary.

In considering recommendations for Dáil constituencies in the area and where this seat reduction might be made the Commission had regard to submissions made and to population changes in the area.

The submissions received by the Commission were almost evenly divided between those recommending that the existing arrangement of 3 and 4-seat constituencies be maintained and those recommending constituencies based on county boundaries.

The overall population increase in the area between 2006 and 2011, at 4.2%, was almost half the national average of 8.2%. The highest population increase (8.5%) in the Limerick constituency was above the national average. The lowest increase (1.6%) was in the Limerick City constituency.

Having regard to the considerations above and to its terms of reference the Commission makes the following recommendations for the arrangement of constituencies in the area:

Kerry

The county of Kerry, having a population of 145,502, should form a 5-seat constituency.

Limerick County

The Limerick part of the Kerry North-West Limerick constituency should be transferred to the Limerick constituency thereby removing the breach of the county boundary. The 18 electoral divisions, with a population of 13,352, added to the 81,679 population of the existing Limerick constituency provides for a variance of +9.08% in this constituency. The existing Limerick City constituency in a 158 member Dáil, with a population of 102,638 has a variance of -11.64%. It is therefore necessary to make adjustments between these two constituencies.

The Commission recommends that population of 11,197, in 10 of the 19 electoral divisions transferred in the 2009 revision, should be moved back into the Limerick City constituency and that Limerick should remain a 3-seat constituency to be called Limerick County.

Limerick City

The Limerick City constituency, with the addition of population of 11,197 from Limerick, should remain a 4-seat constituency.

Details of the transfers are given in Appendix 3. The following table sets out the relevant statistics for the recommended constituencies in Kerry and Limerick.

Recommended Constituency	Number of TDs	2011 Population	Population per TD	Variance from National Average Population per TD (29,040)	
				Number	%
Kerry	5	145,502	29,100	+60	+0.21
Limerick City	4	113,835	28,459	-581	-2.00
Limerick County	3	83,834	27,945	-1,095	-3.77

The recommended Limerick City and Limerick County constituencies are shown on Maps 11 and 12 on pages 39 and 40. The Kerry constituency is shown in Map 1 on page 8 and in the large map of Ireland in the pouch at the back of the report.

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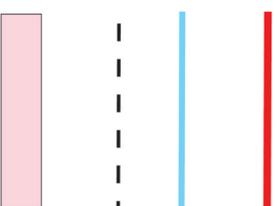
COUNTY AND CITY

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LIMERICK COUNTY

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Scale in Kilometers

