# THE ABORTION ACT: HOW THE TDS VOTED: DÁIL ÉIREANN

THE LANDMARK BILL that will allow for abortion in Ireland passed the final Dáil vote on 12 July 2013 by **127 vote in favour (YES) to 31 votes against (NO).** 

Fianna Fáil was the only party where members were allowed a free vote on the issue and 14 members voted against the bill. In total, 5 Fine Gael TDs voted against the change in legislation. 1 Sinn Féin member voted against the bill. 5 Independents voted against the bill for pro-life reasons. 6 independents voted against the bill because it 'didn't go far enough.'

#### VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE LEGISLATION AND AGAINST THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Adams, Gerry, SF Bannon, James, FG Barry, Tom, FG Breen, Pat, FG Bruton, Richard, FG Burton, Joan, LP Butler, Ray, FG Buttimer, Jerry, FG Byrne, Catherine, FG Byrne, Eric, LP Cannon, Ciarán, FG Carey, Joe, FG Coffey, Paudie, FG Collins, Áine, FG Collins, Niall, FF Colreavy, Michael, SF Conaghan, Michael, LP Conlan, Seán, FG Connaughton, Paul J., FG Conway, Ciara, LP Coonan, Noel, FG Corcoran Kennedy, Marcella, FG Costello, Joe, LP Coveney, Simon, FG Cowen, Barry, FF Creed, Michael, FG Crowe, Seán, SF Daly, Jim, FG Deasy, John, FG Deenihan, Jimmy, FG

Doherty, Pearse, SF Doherty, Regina, FG Donnelly, Stephen IND Donohoe, Paschal, FG Dooley, Timmy, FF Dowds, Robert, LP Doyle, Andrew, FG Durkan, Bernard J., FG Ellis, Dessie, SF Engish, Damien, FG Farrell, Alan, FG Feighan, Frank, FG Ferris, Anne, LP Ferris, Martin, SF Fitzgerald, Frances, FG Fitzpatrick, Peter, FG Flanagan, Charles, FG Griffin, Brendan, FG Halligan, John, IND Hannigan, Dominic, LP Harrington, Noel, FG Harris, Simon, FG Hayes, Brian, FG Hayes, Tom, FG Healy, Seamus IND Heydon, Martin, FG Hogan, Phil, FG Howlin, Brendan, LP Humphreys, Heather, FG Humphreys, Kevin, LP Keating, Derek, FG Kehoe, Paul, FG

Kelleher, Billy, FF Kelly, Alan, LP Kenny, Enda, FG Kenny, Seán, LP Kyne, Seán, FG Lawlor, Anthony, FG Lynch, Ciarán, LP Lynch, Kathleen, LP Lyons, John, LP Mac Lochlainn, Pádraig, SF McCarthy, Michael, LP McDonald, MaryLou, SF McEntee, Helen, FG McGinley, Dinny, FG McGrath, Finian, IND McHugh, Joe, FG McLellan, Sandra, SF McLoughlin, Tony, FG McNamara, Michael, LP Maloney, Eamonn, LP Martin, Micheál, FF Mitchell, Olivia, FG Mitchell O'Connor, Mary, FG Mulherin, Michelle, FG Murphy, Catherine, IND Murphy, Dara, FG Murphy, Eoghan, FG Nash, Gerald, LP Neville, Dan, FG Nolan, Derek, LP Noonan, Michael, FG Nulty, Patrick, IND

Ó Caoláin, Caoimhghín, SF Ó Ríordáin, Aodhán, LP Ó Snodaigh, Aengus, SF O'Brien, Jonathan, SF O'Donnell, Kieran, FG O'Donovan, Patrick, FG O'Dowd, Fergus, FG O'Mahony, John, FG O'Reilly, Joe, FG O'Sullivan, Jan, LP Penrose, Willie, LP Perry, John, FG Phelan, Ann, LP Phelan, John Paul, FG Pringle, Thomas IND Quinn, Ruairí, LP Rabbitte, Pat, LP Reilly, James, FG Ring, Michael, FG Ross, Shane, IND Ryan, Brendan, LP Shatter, Alan, FG Sherlock, Sean, LP Spring, Arthur, LP Stagg, Emmet, LP Stanley, Brian, SF Stanton, David, FG Tuffy, Joanna, LP Twomey, Liam, FG Varadkar, Leo, FG Wall, Jack, LP White, Alex, LP

#### **ABSTAIN / ABSENT**

Deering, Pat, FG

Tommy Broughan (IND LP), Róisín Shortall (IND LP) and Tom Fleming (IND) abstained from the vote. Tanaiste Eamon Gilmore (LP) was in the US.

Nicky McFadden (FG), Noel Grealish (IND) and Maureen O'Sullivan (IND) were absent for the vote. Sean Barrett (Ceann Comhairle) was excluded from the vote

FG = Fine Gael
FF = Fianna Fáil
LP = Labour Party
SF = Sinn Féin
IND = Independent
IND (FG) = Expelled from FG
PBP = People before Profit
SP = Socalist Party

TN = Taoiseach's Nominee

#### **HOW THE TDS VOTED:**

#### DÁIL ÉIREANN

## VOTED AGAINST THE LEGISLATION AND FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Browne, John, FF
Calleary, Dara, FF
Creighton, Lucinda, IND (FG)
Flanagan, Terence, IND (FG)
Fleming, Sean, FF
Healy-Rae, Michael, IND
Keaveney, Colm, IND

Kirk, Seamus, FF
Kitt, Michael, FF
Lowry, Michael, IND
McConalogue, Charlie, FF
McGrath, Mattie, IND
McGrath, Michael, FF
McGuinness, John, FF

Mathews, Peter, IND (FG) Moynihan, Michael, FF Naughten, Denis, IND Ó Cuív, Éamon, FF Ó Fearghaíl, Seán, FF O'Dea, Willie, FF Smith, Brendan, FF Timmins, Billy, IND (FG)
Tóibín, Peadar, SF
Troy, Robert, FF
Walsh, Brian, IND (FG)
Grealish, Noel, IND
voted NO in all stages to
the final vote

## VOTED AGAINST THE LEGISLATION BECAUSE IT 'DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH.'

Boyd Barrett, Richard, PBP Collins, Joan, PBP

Daly, Clare, IND Flanagan, Luke 'Ming,' IND Higgins, Joe, SP Wallace, Mick, IND

# HOW THE SENATORS VOTED: SEANAD ÉIREANN

The bill was passed at the Seanad vote on 23 July 2013; 39 voted in favour (YES) to 14 votes against (NO)

## VOTED FOR THE LEGISLATION AND AGAINST THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Bacik, Ivana, LP
Brennan, Terry, FG
Burke, Colm, FG
Coghlan, Eamonn, IND
Coghlan, Paul, FG
Comiskey, Michael, FG
Conway, Martin, FG
Crown, John, IND
Cullinane, David, SF
Cummins, Maurice, FG

Clune, Deirdre, FG D'Arcy, Jim, FG Gilroy, John, LP Harte, Jimmy, LP Hayden, Aideen, LP Henry, Imelda, FG Higgins, Lorraine, LP Keane, Cait, FG Kelly, John, LP Landy, Denis, LP

Moran, Mary, LP
Mac Conghail, Fiach, TN
Mulcahy, Tony, FG
Mullins, Michael, FG
Naughton, Hildegarde, FG
Noone, Catherine, FG
Norris, David, IND
Ó Clochartaigh, Trevor, SF
O'Donnell, Marie-Louise, TN
O'Neill, Pat, FG

O'Keeffe, Susan, LP O'Sullivan, Ned, FF Power, Averil, FF Reilly, Kathryn, SF Sheahan, Tom, FG Whelan, John, LP White, Mary, FF Van Turnhout, Jillian, TN Zappone, Katherine, TN

## VOTED AGAINST THE LEGISLATION AND FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Bradford, Paul, IND (FG) Daly, Mark, FF Healy Eames, Fidelma, IND (FG) McSharry, Marc, FF Mooney, Paschal, FF Mullen, Rónán, IND Ó Domhnaill, Brian, FF Ó Murchú, Labhrás, FF O'Brien, Darragh, FF O'Brien, Mary Ann, TN O'Donovan, Denis, FF Walsh, Jim, FF Wilson, Diarmuid, FF Leyden, Terry, FF

#### **ABSTAIN/ ABSENT**

Burke, Paddy, FG Byrne, Thomas, FF D'Arcy, Michael, FG Moloney, Marie, LP Barrett, Sean, IND Heffernan, James, IND Quinn, Feargal, IND

