

I would like to propose the following changes to the constituency boundaries:

The southern part of Donegal currently in the constituency of Sligo-Leitrim-South Donegal-West Cavan to be returned to the Donegal constituency and that constituency to become a six-seat constituency or revert to being two three-seaters.

My experience while canvassing in the last general election in this area was that many people were unhappy at being placed in a new constituency made of so many different parts and in which they were unfamiliar with the candidates.

The Donegal constituency according to the 2016 census figures, has 30,068 residents per TD, which is above the number permitted in the Constitution. This could be redressed by bringing the southern part back in and giving the county six seats. This would give about 26,000 to 27,000 per TD, a little below the national average but within constitutional limits.

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