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Circular Letter F 11/18

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I attach for your attention a copy of the Presidential Election Order made by the Minister today in relation to the forthcoming Presidential Election. The Order sets out the last day on which the Presidential Returning Officer may receive nominations, the date and time of the poll at the election and other details.

Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is 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.

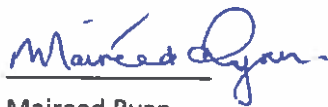
The nomination of candidates for a presidential election by county, city, and city and county councils is a reserved function, regulated by law under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993. With the Presidential Election Order now signed, the main points of note are as follows:

- councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate one candidate,
- not less than 3 clear days notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person, who, at the time when the notice is given, is a member of the council, and
- the resolution of the council must be given effect by means of a nomination paper as prescribed in the Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258/2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018 - sealed with the seal of the council and delivered in person to the Presidential Returning Officer. Copies of the Regulations and a nomination paper are enclosed.

Mr. Barry Ryan of this Department has been appointed as the Presidential Returning Officer and the address at which nomination papers may be delivered and to which other communications may be addressed is – Presidential Returning Officer, Custom House, Dublin 1.

The period for the receipt of nominations commences at 10am on 30 August, 2018 and ends at 12 noon on 26 September 2018. As indicated in Circular Letter F10/18 of 18 July 2018, councils intending to get involved in the nomination process should liaise with any other councils who are proposing to nominate the same candidate to ensure that the details (names, address and occupation) in relation to the candidate on the nomination papers are identical.

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