

Referendum  
Commission



**Independent**

# Guide

to the Seanad &  
Court of Appeal  
Referendums  
**4 October**



Dear Voters,

On Friday 4 October, you have the chance to  
vote in 2 referendums.



A referendum means that you are being asked if  
you want to change the Constitution of Ireland.



The Constitution of Ireland sets out the rules of  
the country.



**One referendum asks:**

Do you agree that Seanad Éireann should be  
closed down?

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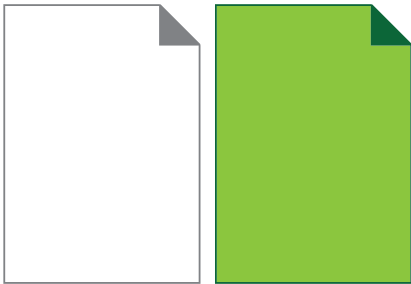
**The other referendum asks:**

Do you agree to starting-up a Court of Appeal and other changes to the way the Courts work?



The Referendum Commission gives you clear information about what your vote will mean.

The Referendum Commission does not tell you to vote yes or vote no.

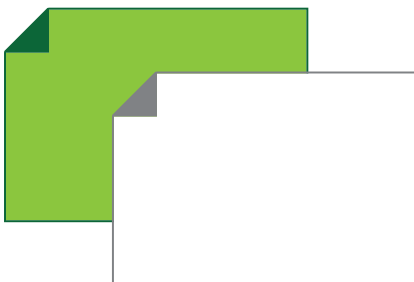


**You will get two ballot papers at the polling station:**

1. A white one for the Seanad referendum
2. A green one for the Court of Appeal referendum.



You may vote yes or no on each ballot paper.



Please fill in both ballot papers.



You can get more information on the **[www.referendum2013.ie](http://www.referendum2013.ie)** website.



It is up to you how you vote.

It is important to vote.



The Constitution belongs to you and you can decide whether to change it or not.

Make sure your voice is heard by voting on 4 October.

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**Elizabeth Dunne**

Chairperson

Referendum Commission