

## **CHECK THE REGISTER NOW**

### **ENSURE YOU ARE CORRECTLY REGISTERED**

### **YOU CANNOT VOTE UNLESS YOUR NAME IS ON THE REGISTER**

#### **Register of Electors:**

The Register of Electors for 2011/2012 was published on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 and will come into force on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011. This will be the Register that will be in force for the General Election and any other poll which occurs up to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

##### **How do I check that my name is on the Register?**

1. Click on “Check Electoral Register” on the homepage of our website [www.tipperarynorth.ie](http://www.tipperarynorth.ie)
2. Enter your details – your surname, your first name (at least four characters unless your name is shorter than this), your house number (if applicable), your townland/street.
3. When you enter a few characters under townland/street a list of options will be displayed. Pick the option that matches your address. In doing this make sure that the full address (including the county) is included - otherwise it may appear as if you are not registered.
4. Click submit.
5. The search results will be displayed. Ensure that this shows that your name is on the Register of Electors 2011-2012.
6. If you click on your name you will get your full details – the polling station at which you can vote, the type of election at which you can vote and your elector number.
7. If you have any queries contact Corporate Support (067) 44520 or (067) 44521 or e-mail: [CorporateSupport@northtippcoco.ie](mailto:CorporateSupport@northtippcoco.ie)

##### **My name is not on the Register – can I vote at the General Election?**

If your name is not on the Register and you are entitled to be registered you should complete a form for entry on the Supplement to the Register. These forms are available on our website: [http://www.tipperarynorth.ie/forms\\_reg.html](http://www.tipperarynorth.ie/forms_reg.html) Forms can also be obtained at Council Offices, Libraries, Town Councils, Post Offices and Garda Stations.

The forms to use are as follows:

RFA2 For entry onto the Supplement if you are not already registered

RFA3 For change of address

The form must be stamped at your local Garda Station.

The completed form should be returned to Corporate Support Section, North Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh.

The closing date for receipt of applications will be 15 days before polling day (excluding Sundays and Public Holidays)

### **Who can vote at a General Election?**

Every citizen of Ireland and every British citizen ordinarily resident in the State who is aged 18 years or over and whose names appear on the register of electors.

### **Does it matter when I reached my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday?**

If you are 18 on or before polling day you can apply for entry onto the supplement if you are not already registered.

### **If I don't receive a polling card can I still vote?**

Yes, a polling card is not required in order to vote – providing your name is on the Register of Electors. Bring proof of identity e.g. passport or driving licence with you to the polling station in case you are asked for proof.

### **Who can apply for a postal vote?**

- Members of the Defence Forces
- Gardaí Síochána
- Diplomats and their spouses
- Persons with a physical illness or disability living at home
- Persons unable to vote in person because of circumstances of occupation, service or employment including students attending an educational institution in the state on a full time basis.

Postal Voters may only vote by post and may not vote at a polling station. Electors must apply each year to be on the postal voters list. Inability to vote in person due to absence for any reasons other than those listed above (e.g. holidays) will not entitle a voter to a postal vote.

The latest day for receipt of applications for the supplement for the General Election to the special & postal voter's list is 2 days after the dissolution of the Dáil.

### **Who can apply for the Special Voters List?**

Persons ordinarily resident at a hospital, nursing home or similar institution who are unable to go in person to vote at a polling station by reason of physical illness or physical disability.