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**SIXTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION  
ACT, 1996**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

[12th December, 1996]

WHEREAS by virtue of Article 46 of the Constitution any provision of the Constitution may be amended in the manner provided by that Article:

AND WHEREAS it is proposed to amend Article 40 of the Constitution:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment of  
Article 40 of the  
Constitution.

**1.**—Article 40 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) the subsection set out in *Part I* of the Schedule to this Act shall be added to section 4 of the Irish text,
- (b) the subsection set out in *Part II* of the Schedule to this Act shall be added to section 4 of the English text.

Citation.

**2.**—(1) The amendment of the Constitution effected by this Act shall be called the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

(2) This Act may be cited as the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1996.



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**AN tACHT UM AN SÉÚ LEASÚ DÉAG AR AN  
mBUNREACTH, 1996**

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ACHT CHUN AN BUNREACTH A LEASÚ.

[12 Nollaig, 1996]

DE BHRÍ gur cead, de bhua Airteagal 46 den Bhunreacht, foráil ar bith den Bhunreacht a leasú ar an modh a shocraítear leis an Airteagal sin:

AGUS DE BHRÍ go bhfuil beartaithe Airteagal 40 den Bhunreacht a leasú:

ACHTAÍTEAR AG AN OIREACHTAS AR AN ÁBHAR SIN  
MAR A LEANAS:

1.—Leasaítear leis seo mar a leanas Airteagal 40 den Bhunreacht: Airteagal 40 den  
Bhunreacht a leasú.

- (a) cuirfear an fo-alt atá leagtha amach i *gCuid I* den Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Acht seo le halt 4 den téacs Gaeilge,
- (b) cuirfear an fo-alt atá leagtha amach i *gCuid II* den Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Acht seo le halt 4 den téacs Sacs-Bhéarla.

2.—(1) An Séú Leasú Déag ar an mBunreacht a thabharfar ar an Lua. leasú a dhéantar ar an mBunreacht leis an Acht seo.

(2) Féadfar an tAcht um an Séú Leasú Déag ar an mBunreacht, 1996, a ghairm den Acht seo.

*Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution Act, 1996*

SCHEDULE

PART I

- 7° Féadfar socrú a dhéanamh le dlí chun go bhféadfaidh cúirt bannaí a dhiúltú do dhuine atá cúisithe i gcion tromáí sa chás go measfar le réasún é a bheith riachtanach chun an duine sin a chosc ar chion tromáí a dhéanamh.

PART II

- 7° Provision may be made by law for the refusal of bail by a court to a person charged with a serious offence where it is reasonably considered necessary to prevent the commission of a serious offence by that person.

*An tAcht um an Séú Leasú Déag ar an mBunreacht, 1996*

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CUID I

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CUID II

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