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Initiated Bill 1

House of Representatives, March 2, 1993

An Act to Impose Term Limitations on Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor.

Transmitted to the Clerk of the House on the 116th Maine Legislature by the Secretary of State on February 12, 1993 and 1,200 ordered printed.

**VJOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk** 

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
Sec.1. 21-A MRSA c.8 is enacted to read:	
CHAPTER 8	
LIMITATION OF TERMS	
<u>\$551. Short title</u>	
This chapter may be known and cited as the "Term L Act of 1993."	<u>imitation</u>
<u>\$552. Definitions</u>	
As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates, the following terms have the following meaning	
1. Responsible electoral official. "Responsible official" means a public official who is responsible accepting a nomination or nomination petition for an office and also means a public official who is response placing the name of a person nominated for public official ballot, ballot label, calendar or other similar instruments	ible for elected ible for ice on a
<b>2. Term.</b> "Term" means a full term or any portion of served by an elected official in an office subject provisions of this chapter.	
<u>§553. Limitations on terms</u>	
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, conterms in office are limited as follows.	<u>isecutive</u>
<u>1. State Senate. A person may not serve more</u> consecutive terms as a state Senator.	<u>than 4</u>
2. State Representative. A person may not serve m 4 consecutive terms as a member of the state H Representatives.	
3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve mor consecutive terms as Secretary of State.	<u>e than 4</u>
4. Treasurer of State. A person may not serve mor consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.	<u>e than 4</u>
5. Attorney General. A person may not serve mor consecutive terms as Attorney General.	<u>e than 4</u>

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6. State Auditor. A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as State Auditor.

This section applies to terms of office that begin on or after December 3, 1996.

<u>§554. Exclusion from nomination, election and service</u>

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is10prohibited from service in an office as set forth in section 553may not be nominated for or elected to that office. A12responsible electoral official may not accept or certify such aperson's nomination or nomination petition for an office subject14to this chapter. A responsible electoral official may not printor cause to be printed such a person's name on a ballot, ballot16label, calendar or other similar instrument for election to anoffice subject to this chapter. This section applies to18nominations occurring and ballots printed after January 1, 1996.

Sec. 2. Transition. A person elected or appointed to an office subject to the provisions of this Act who is disqualified from service by this Act may complete that person's term of office if the term commences on or before December 2, 1996. The limitations imposed by this Act apply to the terms of office served by persons elected to serve in or persons elected to serve by the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and to all terms of office served by persons elected to serve thereafter.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes limitations on terms for state legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General and the State Auditor. The bill would limit those officeholders to 4 consecutive terms, except for the State Auditor, who is limited to 2 terms, beginning with terms of office commenced in the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

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