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H.P. 654

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

An Act to Provide Term Limits for the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk. Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative CAMPBELL of Holden, Senator: AMERO of Cumberland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §22-A is enacted to read:
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-	\$22-A. Secretary of Senate: term limitation
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	A person may not serve as Secretary of the Senate for more
8	than 4 consecutive legislative bienniums. Service in this
	capacity before December 2, 1998 is not included in the
10	calculation of years served.
12	Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §42-A is enacted to read:
14	§42-A. Clerk of House of Representatives: term limitation
16	A person may not serve as Clerk of the House of
	Representatives for more than 4 consecutive legislative
18	bienniums. Service in this capacity before December 2, 1998 is not included in the calculation of years served.
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	Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act takes effect retroactively to
22	December 2, 1998.
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	SUMMARY
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	This bill places term limits on the Secretary of the Senate
28	and Clerk of the House of Representatives. The limitations are
	similar to those in current law for the President of the Senate,
30	Speaker of the House of Representatives and floor leaders, except
	that the term limitations for those officers are 6 years and this
32	bill sets the term limitations for the Secretary of the Senate
2.4	and Clerk of the House of Representatives at 8 years. The
34	calculation of the limitation period commences with the first
	convening of the 119th Legislature.