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S.P. 595

In Senate, April 3, 2025

An Act to Redefine "Term" in the Law Governing Term Limits for Constitutional Offices

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, MARTIN of Oxford,

Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §552, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 289, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Term. "Term" means, for the purposes of the term of a state Senator or member of the House of Representatives, a full term of office or any portion of a term that began before the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of the term of the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General or State Auditor, "term" means a full term of office or any portion of a term that began before the first Wednesday in December in an odd-numbered year served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the earliest starting point of a partial term that the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General or State Auditor may serve without it being considered a term for purposes of term limits from the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year to the first Wednesday in December in an odd-numbered year.