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CHAPTER 1
I.B. 1 - L.D. 751
An Act to Impose Term Limitations
on Legislators, Constitutional Officers
and the State Auditor

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

§551. Short title

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Term Limitation Act of 1993."

§552. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Responsible electoral official. "Responsible electoral official" means a public official who is responsible for accepting a nomination or nomination petition for an elected office and also means a public official who is responsible for placing the name of a person nominated for public office on a ballot, ballot label, calendar or other similar instrument.

2. Term. "Term" means a full term or any portion of a term served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter.

§553. Limitations on terms

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, consecutive terms in office are limited as follows.

1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of Representatives.

3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Secretary of State.

4. Treasurer of State. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.

5. Attorney General. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Attorney General.

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.

§554. Exclusion from nomination, election and service

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is prohibited from service in an office as set forth in section 553 may not be nominated for or elected to that office. A responsible electoral official may not accept or certify such a person's nomination or nomination petition for an office subject to this chapter. A responsible electoral official may not print or cause to be printed such a person's name on a ballot, ballot label, calendar or other similar instrument for election to an office subject to this chapter. This section applies to nominations 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.

Effective December 18, 1993.