

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1993**

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**INITIATED BILL  
REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY  
THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
AND APPROVED AT REFERENDUM**

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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 oth-  
erwise indicates, the following terms have the follow-  
ing 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 instru-  
ment 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 ap-  
pointed 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 com-  
mences on or before December 2, 1996. The limita-  
tions 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.

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