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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1063 L.D. 1399, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Senators to Four-Year Terms.

Amend said Resolve in the Title by inserting after the word "Senators" the words 'and Representatives'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph (same in L.D. 62) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Constitution, Article II, Section 4, amended. The first sentence of Section 4 of Article II of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

The election of Senators ~~and~~ Representatives shall ~~be on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November biennially forever~~ and the election of and Governor shall be on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November every four years.

Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 2, amended. The first sentence of section 2 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

The House of Representatives shall consist of one hundred and fifty-one members, to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office ~~two~~ four years from the ~~day next preceeding the biennial meeting of the Legislature~~ first Tuesday of January next following the election.

Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 5, amended. The last 2 sentences of Section 5 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution are amended to read as follows:

The Governor and Council shall examine the returned copies of such lists and twenty days before the first Wednesday of January ~~biennially~~ every four years, shall issue a summons to such persons as shall appear to have been elected by a plurality of all votes returned, to attend and take their seats. All such lists shall be laid before the House of Representatives on the first Wednesday of January ~~biennially~~ every four years, and they shall finally determine who are elected.'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of the 4th paragraph (same in L.D. 62) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Effective date. Resolved: That the amendments herein proposed, if adopted shall determine the term of office of Senators and Representatives to be elected at the general election in

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November, 1970, as well as the terms of Senators and Representatives thereafter to be elected.'

Further amend said Resolve in the "Form of question" by striking out all of the question and inserting in place thereof the following question:

' "Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature changing the tenure of office of Senators and Representatives to four-year terms?"'

Filed by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

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