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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
103rd LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1063, L.D. 1399, Resolve, Proposing  
an Amendment to the Constituion 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. 1399) 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Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 2, repealed  
and replaced. Section 2 of Part First of Article IV of the  
Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Section 2, Number and term of Representatives. The House of  
Representatives shall consist of one hundred and fifty-one members,  
to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office four  
years from the first Tuesday of January next following the election.  
One Representative shall be elected by the qualifed electors of each  
of the Representative Districts into which the State shall be from  
time to time divided. Approximately one-half of the total number of  
Representatives shall be elected at each biennial state election.  
Beginning in 1970 and every four years thereafter Representatives  
elected from the even-numbered districts shall serve for four years,  
and Representatives elected from odd-numbered districts shall serve  
for two years. In 1972 and every four years thereafter Representatives  
elected from odd-numbered districts shall serve for four years.

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.'

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Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of the 4th paragraph (same in L.D. 1399) 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 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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