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"Or the

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1972, L. D. 2513, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Single Member Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction of the Number of Representatives to One Hundred Thirty-two, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives before the General Election of 1976; to Provide for Further Reduction of the Number of Representatives to Ninety-nine, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate before the General Election of 1984; to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters which may be Considered in the Second Regular Session; to Establish an Apportionment Commission to Plan for all Reapportionments of the House of Representatives and Senate; to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign Certain Constitutional Powers to a Legislative Council; and to Provide that Oaths and Subscriptions of Office of the Governor, Representatives and Senators shall be Taken before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Amend said Constitutional Resolution by striking out all of the first sentence of that part designated "Section 1." of that part relating to Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The Legislature shall convene on the first Wednesday of January biennially and following the general election in what shall be styled the first regular session of the Legislature, which shall last no longe than one hundred legislative days; and shall further convene on the first Wednesday of January in the subsequent year in what shall be styled the second regular session of the Legislature, which shall last no longer than fifty legislative days; provided, however, that the business of the second regular session of the Legislature shall be limited

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to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governows message; legislation recommended by the Legislative Council; and legislation referred to committees for study and report by the first regular session.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the length of regular legislative sessions.

County: Androscoggin.

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