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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1886, L.D. 1943, RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Grant to the  
Supreme Judicial Court the Power to Remove a Judicial Officer  
from Office.

Amend the Resolution in the 3rd paragraph, <sup>2nd line,</sup>/(same in L.D.)  
by striking out the word "seven" and inserting in its place  
the following:

'seven four'

Further amend the Resolution in the 3rd paragraph, (same  
in L.D.) by inserting at the end the following new sentence:

'All judicial officers appointed before January 1, 1979,  
to seven-year terms may continue to serve those terms until  
their expiration.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that judicial officers shall  
serve terms of four years, instead of seven years, but permits  
judicial officers appointed prior to January 1, 1979, to  
continue serving until the expiration of their seven-year  
terms.

This amendment would provide increased judicial accountability to the citizens of Maine by ensuring that the performance of judicial officers can be scrutinized both by the Governor and by the Legislature at least every four years.

Filed by Mr. Gray of Rockland.

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