

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

5 Legislative Document

No. 410

7 H.P. 352

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Gwadosky of Skowhegan referred to the
9 Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Walker of Skowhegan.
Cosponsor: Senator Redmond of Somerset.

12 STATE OF MAINE

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

17 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to
18 the Constitution of Maine to Limit
19 Maine Senators to not More than Five
20 Consecutive Two-Year Terms, and to
21 Limit Maine Representatives to not
22 More than Five Consecutive Two-Year
23 Terms.
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25 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds
26 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that
27 the following amendments to the Constitution of Maine
28 be proposed:

29 Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 1, §9 is enacted to
30 read:

31 Section 9. Limitation of House terms. No
32 person may be elected to the office of member of the
33 House of Representatives for more than five consec-
34 utive terms of two years each.

1 Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 2, §9 is enacted to
2 read:

3 Section 9. Limitation on Senate terms. No
4 person may be elected to the office of Senator for
5 more than five consecutive terms of two years each.

6 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of
7 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city
8 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of
9 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
10 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in
11 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
12 election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
13 following the first Monday of November following the
14 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratifi-
15 cation of the amendments proposed in this resolution
16 by voting upon the following question:

17 "Shall
18 the Constitution of Maine be amended to provide that
19 no Senator may be elected to more than five consecu-
20 tive terms of two years each and that no member of
21 the House of Representatives may be elected to more
22 than five consecutive terms of two years each?"

23 The legal voters of each city, town and
24 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and
25 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark
26 placed within the corresponding square below the word
27 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,
28 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and
29 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary
30 of State in the same manner as votes for members of
31 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the
32 returns and, if it appears that a majority of the
33 legal votes are in favor of the amendments, the Gov-
34 ernor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the
35 amendments shall become part of the Constitution on
36 the date of the proclamation.

37 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.
38 Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare
39 and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
40 ballots, returns and copies of this resolution neces-
41 sary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This constitutional resolution provides that no Senator may be elected to more than 5 consecutive terms of 2 years each and that no member of the House of Representatives be elected to more than 5 consecutive terms of 2 years each.

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