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L.D. 1093

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P.
394, L.D. 1093, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment
to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Staggered
4-year Terms for Senators."

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment
to the Constitution of Maine to
Provide for Staggered 4-year Terms for
Senators and Representatives.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out ev-
erything after the title and inserting in its place
the following:

'Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two thirds
of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that
the following amendments to the Constitution of Maine
be proposed:

Sec. 1. Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 1, §2 is re-
pealed and the following enacted in its place:

Section 2. Number of Representatives. The House
of Representatives shall consist of 151 members, to
be elected by the qualified electors. The term of
office for Representatives shall be for 2 years, ex-
cept as provided in this section. Beginning with the
general election to be held in 1986, Representatives
in the odd-numbered districts shall be elected to
4-year terms. In 1988, Representatives in the even-
numbered districts shall be elected to 4-year terms.
The terms of office for Representatives shall begin
on the day next preceding the first Wednesday in De-
cember following the general election. The Legisla-

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1 ture which convenes in 1983 and every 10th year
2 thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into
3 districts for the choice of one Representative for
4 each district. The number of Representatives shall
5 be divided into the number of inhabitants of the
6 state exclusive of foreigners not naturalized accord-
7 ing to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State
8 Census previously ordered by the Legislature to coin-
9 cide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine
10 a median population figure for each Representative
11 District. Each Representative District shall be
12 formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall
13 cross political subdivision lines the least number of
14 times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable
15 equally populated districts. Whenever the population
16 of a municipality entitles it to more than one dis-
17 trict, all whole districts shall be drawn within mu-
18 nicipal boundaries. Any population remainder within
19 the municipality shall be included in a district
20 drawn to cross the municipal boundary, provided that
21 such population remainder of the municipality must be
22 contiguous to another municipality or municipalities
23 included in the district.

24 Sec. 2. Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 2, §1 is re-
25 pealed and the following enacted in its place:

26 Section 1. Number of Senators. The Senate shall
27 consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than
28 31 nor more than 35, elected at the same time as Rep-
29 resentatives by the qualified electors of the dis-
30 tricts into which the State shall be from time to
31 time divided. The term of office for Senators shall
32 be for 2 years, except as provided in this section.
33 Beginning with the general elections to be held in
34 1986, Senators in the odd-numbered districts shall be
35 elected to 4-year terms. In 1988, Senators in the
36 even-numbered districts shall be elected to 4-year
37 terms.

38 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of
39 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city

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1 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of
2 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their re-
3 spective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in
4 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
5 election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
6 following the first Monday of November following the
7 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratifi-
8 cation of the amendments proposed in this resolution
9 by voting upon the following question:

10 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended as
11 proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to estab-
12 lish 4-year terms of office for Senators and Repre-
13 sentatives in odd-numbered districts beginning in
14 1986, and 4-year terms of office for Senators and
15 Representatives in even-numbered districts beginning
16 in 1988?"

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

31 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Re-
32 solved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare
33 and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
34 ballots, returns and copies of this resolution neces-
35 sary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

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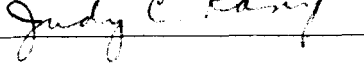
STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this conference committee amend-
3 ment is to propose an amendment to the Constitution
4 of Maine to provide for staggered 4-year terms for
5 Senators and Representatives.

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Senator Kany of Kennebec:



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