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L.D. 1093

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
112TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 394, L.D. 1093,  
"RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitu-  
tion of Maine to Provide for Staggered 4-year Terms  
for Senators."

Amend the resolution by inserting after the first  
paragraph after the title the following:

'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 1, §2 is repealed and  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-  
ture which convenes in 1983 and every 10th year  
thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into  
districts for the choice of one Representative for  
each district. The number of Representatives shall  
be divided into the number of inhabitants of the  
state exclusive of foreigners not naturalized accord-  
ing to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State  
Census previously ordered by the Legislature to coin-  
cide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine  
a median population figure for each Representative  
District. Each Representative District shall be  
formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall  
cross political subdivision lines the least number of  
times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable

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1 equally populated districts. Whenever the population  
2 of a municipality entitles it to more than one dis-  
3 trict, all whole districts shall be drawn within mu-  
4 nicipal boundaries. Any population remainder within  
5 the municipality shall be included in a district  
6 drawn to cross the municipal boundary, provided that  
7 such population remainder of the municipality must be  
8 contiguous to another municipality or municipalities  
9 included in the district.'

10 Further amend the resolution in the 4th paragraph  
11 after the title, in the 2nd line from the end (page  
12 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the word "amend-  
13 ment" and inserting in its place the word  
14 'amendments'

15 Further amend the resolution in the 3rd paragraph  
16 before the statement of fact in the 3rd line (page 2,  
17 line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the word "Senators"  
18 the words 'and Representatives' and in the 5th  
19 line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the  
20 word "Senators" the words 'and Representatives'

21 Further amend the resolution in the 2nd paragraph  
22 before the statement of fact, in the 4th line from  
23 the end (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the  
24 word "amendment" and inserting in its place the word  
25 'amendments' and in the 2nd and 3rd lines from the  
26 end (page 2, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out  
27 the word "amendment" and inserting in its place the  
28 word 'amendments'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purpose of this amendment is to provide for  
3 staggered 4-year terms for Representatives in the  
4 same manner as is proposed for Senators.

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