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L.D. 173

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
113TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 87, L.D. 173,
"RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitu-
tion of Maine to Change the Terms of Members of the
Senate from 2 Years to 4 Years."

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Amend the resolution by striking out all of sec-
tion 1 (page 1, lines 12 to 16 and page 2 lines 1 to
7 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Section 1. Number of Senators. The Senate shall consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than 31 nor more than 35, elected at the same time as Representatives by the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall be from time to time divided. The term of office for Senators shall be for 2 years, except as provided in this section. Beginning with the general elections to be held in 1988, Senators shall be elected to 4-year terms.'

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Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 2, lines 19 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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' "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to establish 4-year terms of office for Senators in odd-numbered districts beginning in 1988?" '

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to remove the staggered term provisions for Senators. If all Senators are elected to the Senate in the same election, there will be less public confusion about elections.

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