

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 692

S.P. 221

In Senate, February 25, 1993

An Act to Limit to 4 the Number of Consecutive Terms a Legislator May Serve.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, HALL of Piscataquis, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, HILLOCK of Gorham, KUTASI of Bridgton, MICHAEL of Auburn, QUINT of Paris, TRUE of Fryeburg.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §§21-A and 41-A are enacted to read:**

6 **§21-A. Senators; term limits**

8 A member of the Senate may not serve more than 8 consecutive
10 years. If a member is elected to fill a vacancy in office, the
12 time served during that period is not included in the 8-year
14 limit. A member who has served 8 years is not eligible to serve
16 a partial term. A member who is serving a legislative term on
18 the effective date of this section is entitled to complete the
20 term and the term is not included in the 8-year limit.

22 **§41-A. Representatives; term limits**

24 A member of the House of Representatives may not serve more
26 than 8 consecutive years. If a member is elected to fill a
28 vacancy in office, the time served during that period is not
30 included in the 8-year limit. A member who has served 8 years is
32 not eligible to serve a partial term. A member who is serving a
34 legislative term on the effective date of this section is
entitled to complete the term and the term is not included in the
8-year limit.

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill limits the terms that a Senator and a member of
32 the House of Representatives may serve to 4 consecutive terms. A
34 Senator or a member of the House of Representatives who reaches
the limit may serve additional terms in the opposite house.