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116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 768

S.P. 249

In Senate, March 4, 1993

**An Act to Establish Term Limitations for Presiding Officers, Leadership
and Committee Chairs.**

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 BEGLEY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Buxton and
Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §21-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§21-A. President of Senate; term limitation**

8 After December 2, 1992, a person may not serve as President
10 of the Senate for more than 4 consecutive legislative bienniums.
12 Service as President of the Senate before December 2, 1992 is not
14 included in the calculation of years served.

16 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §41-A is enacted to read:**

18 **§41-A. Speaker of House of Representatives; term limitation**

20 After December 2, 1992, a person may not serve as Speaker of
22 the House of Representatives for more than 4 consecutive
24 legislative bienniums. Service as Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives before December 2, 1992 is not included in the
28 calculation of years served.

30 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §161-A is enacted to read:**

32 **§161-A. Legislative Council; term limitation**

34 After December 2, 1992, a person may not serve as a member
36 of the Legislative Council for more than 4 consecutive
38 legislative bienniums. Service as a member of the Legislative
40 Council before December 2, 1992 is not included in the
42 calculation of years served.

44 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §165-A is enacted to read:**

46 **§165-A. Committee chairs, term limitation**

48 After December 2, 1992, a person may not serve as a chair of
50 a committee for more than 4 consecutive legislative bienniums.
52 Service as a committee chair before December 2, 1992 is not
included in the calculation of years served.

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act takes effect retroactively to
December 2, 1992.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill limits the terms that the President of the Senate,
the Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of the
Legislative Council and committee chairs may serve to 4
consecutive legislative bienniums. Calculation of time served
begins with the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on
December 2, 1992.