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House of Representatives, May 20, 1993

An Act to Impose Limits on the Terms of Legislators, Constitutional Officers, Members of the Judiciary and Members of Congress and to Limit Lobbying in Successive Years.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Holden,
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, ESTY of
Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §314-A is enacted to read:

§314-A. Limitation on successive registrations and employment

The Secretary of State may not accept a registration from a person who has registered as a lobbyist, or who was required to register as a lobbyist but who did not register, in 4 successive biennial sessions of the Legislature.

A person who has lobbied in 4 successive biennial sessions of the Legislature may not lobby during the next legislative biennium.

This section takes effect December 1, 1995.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 8

LIMITATION OF TERMS

§551. Short title

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Term Limitation Act of 1993."

§552. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Responsible electoral official. "Responsible electoral official" means a public official who is responsible for accepting a nomination, appointment or nomination petition for an elected office and also means a public official who is responsible for placing the name of a person nominated for or appointed to public office on a ballot, ballot label, calendar or other similar instrument.

2. Term. "Term" means a full term or any portion of a term served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter.

§553. Limitations on terms

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, consecutive terms in office are limited as follows.

2 1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than 4
consecutive terms as a state Senator.

4 2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than
6 4 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of
Representatives.

8 3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve more than 4
10 consecutive terms as Secretary of State.

12 4. Treasurer of State. A person may not serve more than 4
consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.

14 5. Attorney General. A person may not serve more than 4
16 consecutive terms as Attorney General.

18 6. State Auditor. A person may not serve more than 2
consecutive terms as State Auditor.

20 7. Members of the Judiciary. A person may not serve more
22 than 2 consecutive terms as a judge or justice of the Supreme
Judicial Court, Superior Court, Administrative Court or District
24 Court. A person who serves 2 consecutive terms as a judge or
justice in one court is eligible for appointment to serve as a
26 judge or justice in a different court.

28 8. Members of the United States House of Representatives.
A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as a member
30 of the United States House of Representatives.

32 9. United States Senators. A person may not serve more
than 2 consecutive terms as a United States Senator.

34 This section applies to terms of office that begin on or
36 after December 3, 1996.

38 §554. Exclusion from nomination, election and service

40 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is
42 prohibited from service in an office as set forth in section 553
44 may not be nominated for or appointed or elected to that office.
46 A responsible electoral official may not accept or certify such a
48 person's nomination, appointment or nomination petition for an
50 office subject to this chapter. A responsible electoral official
may not print or cause to be printed such a person's name on a
ballot, ballot label, calendar or other similar instrument for
election to an office subject to this chapter. This section
applies to nominations occurring and ballots printed after
January 1, 1996.

