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## 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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No. 1527

H.P. 1128

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.

OSEPH 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:
2	Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §314-A is enacted to read:
4 6	§314-A. Limitation on successive registrations and employment
8	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
10	biennial sessions of the Legislature.
12 14	A person who has lobbied in 4 successive biennial sessions of the Legislature may not lobby during the next legislative biennium.
16	This section takes effect December 1, 1995.
18	Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:
20	CHAPTER 8
22	LIMITATION OF TERMS
24	§551. Short title
26	This chapter may be known and cited as the "Term Limitation Act of 1993."
28	§552. Definitions
30	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
32	indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
34	1. Responsible electoral official. "Responsible electoral official" means a public official who is responsible for
36	accepting a nomination, appointment or nomination petition for an elected office and also means a public official who is
38	responsible for placing the name of a person nominated for or appointed to public office on a ballot, ballot label, calendar or
40	other similar instrument.
42	2. Term. "Term" means a full term or any portion of a term served by an elected official in an office subject to the
44	provisions of this chapter.
46	§553. Limitations on terms
48	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, consecutive

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January 1, 1996.

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Sec. 2. Transition. A person elected or appointed to an office subject to the provisions of this Act who is disqualified from service by this Act may complete that person's term of office if the term commences on or before December 2, 1996. The limitations imposed by this Act apply to the terms of office served by persons elected to serve in or persons elected to serve by the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and to all terms of office served by persons elected to serve thereafter. The limitations imposed by this Act apply to judicial appointments that begin on or after December 3, 1996 and to congressional terms that begin on or after that date.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes limitations on terms for state legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General, the State Auditor, members of the Judiciary, members of the United States Congress. The bill would limit consecutive terms of office for those individuals beginning with terms of office commenced on or after December 3, 1996.

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The bill also limits lobbyists to 8 successive years of lobbying and imposes a 2-year disqualification period once the 8-year limit has been triggered.