

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 209

S.P. 70

In Senate, January 16, 1997

**An Act to Increase Term Limits to 12 Years for Elected Officials and  
Constitutional Officers.**

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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 MILLS of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §553**, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and  
affected by §2, is amended to read:

6 **§553. Limitations on terms**

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

10 **1. State Senate.** A person may not serve more than -4- 6  
12 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

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

18 **3. Secretary of State.** A person may not serve more  
than -4- 6 consecutive terms as Secretary of State.

20 **4. Treasurer of State.** A person may not serve more  
22 than -4- 6 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.

24 **5. Attorney General.** A person may not serve more than -4-  
6 consecutive terms as Attorney General.

26 **6. State Auditor.** A person may not serve more than -2- 3  
28 consecutive terms as State Auditor.

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

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill extends the number of years of service authorized  
38 under the term limits law from 8 to 12 years for Legislators, the  
Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General  
40 and the State Auditor.