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House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Submit Legislative Term Limits to Referendum in November 1999.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham. Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BROOKS of Winterport, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'NEAL of Limestone, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, FERGUSON of Oxford, KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA c. 8, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and 4 affected by §2, is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted 8 to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 10 following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, 12 towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or 14 rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

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"Do you favor continuing the Term Limitation Act of 1993?"

18 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, 22 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same 24 manner as votes for members of the Legislature.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

30 Sec. 3. Contingent effective date. That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 8 is 32 effective only upon certification by the Secretary of State that a majority of the legal votes are cast against the question.

SUMMARY

38 This bill submits the term limits law to the voters for approval at a statewide referendum. If term limits are not approved by a majority of the voters, term limits are repealed.