

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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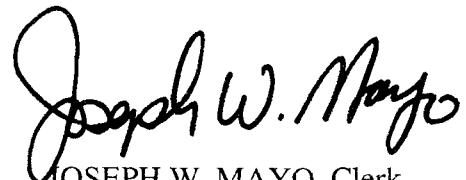
H.P. 746

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Repeal Term Limits for Legislators and Constitutional Officers.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, RINES of Wiscasset, SAXL of Bangor, TRIPP of Topsham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA c. 8, as amended, is repealed.**

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

24 "Do you favor repealing term limits for Legislators and  
26 Constitutional Officers?"

28 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
30 vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice  
32 by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
34 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received,  
36 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation  
38 meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same  
manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor  
shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of  
the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall  
proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30  
days after the date of the proclamation.

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.

### SUMMARY

This bill repeals term limits. The bill also sends the  
question of repealing term limits to referendum.