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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to H.P. 697, L.D. 901, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Term Limits"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Repeal the Laws Governing Term Limits for Legislators'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §553, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by I.B. 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, are repealed.

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

"Do you favor repealing term limits for Maine Legislators?"

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, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor

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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.'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment changes the timing of sending this measure out to referendum from November 2001 to November 2002.

The estimated cost of sending this measure out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda to be submitted to the voters in November 2002. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.

SUMMARY

This amendment repeals term limits for Legislators subject to approval by the voters at a referendum held in November 2002.

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