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

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

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 amended to read:

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

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

Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 2001. 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 want to increase the number of consecutive terms for state Legislators from 4 to 6 terms?"

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

2 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received,
sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
4 meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same
manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor
6 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
8 proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30
days after the date of the proclamation.

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

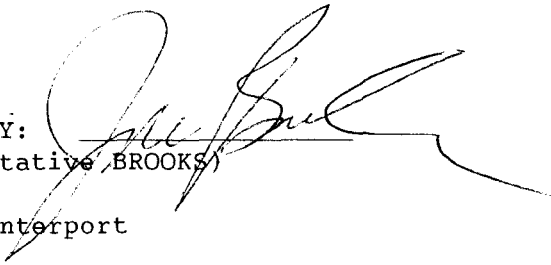
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16 **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. Under this amendment:

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1. The provisions of the bill increasing the length of term
20 limits for constitutional officers and the State Auditor are
eliminated;

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2. The provisions of the bill extending the limit on terms
24 for state Legislators are retained. This amendment clarifies
that the increase in term limits from 4 to 6 terms applies to
26 consecutive terms for state Senators and members of the state
House of Representatives regardless of when their first term
28 began. Under this amendment members of the 120th Legislature may
serve a total of 6 terms, regardless of when elected; and

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3. The referendum question is amended to apply only to
32 state Legislators.

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38 SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative BROOKS)

40 TOWN: Winterport
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