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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 945, L.D. 1273, Bill, "An Act To Extend Term Limits"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first 2 paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 22 to 30 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the part designated "§553." (page 1, lines 6 to 31 in bill) and inserting in its place the following:

'§553. Limitations on terms

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

1. State Senator. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as a state Senator, except that, beginning with consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts on or after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 6 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of Representatives, except that, beginning with consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts on or after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 6 consecutive terms as a state Representative.

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2 3. **Secretary of State.** A person may not serve more than 4
3 consecutive terms as Secretary of State, except that, beginning
4 with consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts
5 on or after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 6
6 consecutive terms as Secretary of State.

8 4. **Treasurer of State.** A person may not serve more than 4
9 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State, except that, beginning
10 with consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts
11 on or after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 6
12 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.

14 5. **Attorney General.** A person may not serve more than 4
15 consecutive terms as Attorney General, except that, beginning
16 with consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts
17 on or after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 6
18 consecutive terms as Attorney General.

20 6. **State Auditor.** A person may not serve more than 2
21 consecutive terms as State Auditor, except that, beginning with
22 consecutive terms of office the first term of which starts on or
23 after December 1, 2004, a person may not serve more than 3
24 consecutive terms as State Auditor.

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

28 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
29 question (page 1, lines 36 to 39 in amendment) and inserting in
30 its place the following:

32 ' "Do you favor increasing term limits to 12 years for
33 elected officials and constitutional officers beginning with
34 consecutive terms of office the first term of which begins
35 on or after December 1, 2004?" '

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SUMMARY

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41 This amendment limits the extension of term limits to those
42 elected officials or constitutional officers who are not
currently serving in that same position. A person who was

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2 elected to an office prior to December 1, 2004 is still subject
to a limit of 4 consecutive terms, or 2 consecutive terms for the
State Auditor. This amendment also changes the referendum
4 question to reflect this limitation.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT