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L.D. 1273

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 945, L.D. 1273, Bill, "An Act To Extend Term Limits"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the State at a general election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday 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 general election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor extending term limits for state Legislators, constitutional officers and the State Auditor from 8 years to 12 years?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and 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 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.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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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 purposes of this referendum.

Sec. 3. Application. The 6-consecutive-term limit imposed by this Act or, for the office of State Auditor, the 3-consecutive-term limit imposed by this Act applies to any person elected or reelected to office beginning with the 122nd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the timing of the referendum to the general election held in November 2004. This amendment also clarifies that the extension of term limits applies to those elected to office beginning with the 122nd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative PINGREE)

TOWN: North Haven



**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1273
An Act To Extend Term Limits**

**LR 1106(06)
Fiscal Note for House Amendment " "
Sponsor: Rep. Pingree
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Delay in referendum costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment delays the date of this referendum from November 2003 to November 2004; thereby shifting the costs that will be incurred by the Secretary of State from fiscal year 2003-04 to fiscal year 2004-05.