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	L.D. 1273
2	DATE: $6-13-03$ (Filing No. S- 305)
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6	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.
8	STATE OF MAINE
10	SENATE SENATE 121ST LEGISLATURE
12	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
14	SENATE AMENDMENT " $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$ " to H.P. 945, L.D. 1273, Bill, "An Act
16	To Extend Term Limits"
18	Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§553." by striking out all of subsections 3 to 6 and the last indented
20	paragraph (page 1, lines 18 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:
22	'3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve more than 4
24	consecutive terms as Secretary of State.
26	4. Treasurer of State. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.
28	5. Attorney General. A person may not serve more than 4
30	consecutive terms as Attorney General.
32	6. State Auditor. A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as State Auditor.
34	This-section-applies Subsections 3 to 6 apply to terms of
36	office that begin on or after December 3, 1996 and subsections 1 and 2 apply to terms of office that begin on or after December 1,
38	2004.'
40	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:
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44	'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
46	legal voters of the State at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage
48	of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations
50	to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a general election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by

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voting on the following question:

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"Do you	support revi	ising Mai	ne's t	erm limi	ts law	to	provide
a balance	e of new an	nd experi	ienced	members	by ex	tend:	ing the
limit of	legislative	serv ice	from 4	2-year	terms	to 6	2-year
terms?"							

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.

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 for Legislators applies to any person elected or reelected to office beginning with the 122nd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the referendum question and specifies that the extension of term limits applies only to Legislators. Under this amendment, the term limits in current law do not change for the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General and State Auditor elected or reelected to office beginning with the 122nd Legislature.

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