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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 339, L.D. 461, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature"

Amend the resolution in that part relating to "Constitution, Art. IV, Part First, §2" by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 7 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Section 2. Number of Representatives; terms; division of the State into districts for House of Representatives. The House of Representatives shall consist of 151 members, except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2007 and thereafter, the House of Representatives shall consist of 99 members, to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office 2 4 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2007, 49 members hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election. The Legislature which convenes in 1983 2005 and every 10th year thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into districts for the choice of one Representative for each district, using the same method as provided in Article IV, Part Second, Section 2 for apportionment of Senatorial Districts, except that each Senatorial District must be divided into 3 Representative Districts. ~~The number of Representatives shall be divided into the number of inhabitants of the State exclusive of foreigners not naturalized according to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State Census previously ordered by the Legislature to~~

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~~coincide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine a mean population figure for each Representative District. Each Representative District shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall cross political subdivision lines the least number of times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable equally populated districts. Whenever the population of a municipality entitles it to more than one district, all whole districts shall be drawn within municipal boundaries. Any population remainder within the municipality shall be included in a district with contiguous territory and shall be kept intact. The Legislature that convenes in 2005 shall determine which of the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature that convenes in 2007 hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election.~~

Further amend the resolution in that part relating to "Constitution, Art. IV, Part Second, §1" in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 44 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "divided" the following: 'except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2007, 16 members hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election'

Further amend the resolution in that part relating to "Constitution, Art. IV, Part Second, §2, first ¶" in section 2 in the last line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "intact." the following: 'The Legislature that convenes in 2005 shall determine which of the members of the Senate of the Legislature that convenes in 2007 hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 2, lines 33 to 36 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members, to limit the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members and to provide 4-year terms for Legislators, effective in the year 2007?"'


## SUMMARY

This amendment provides 4-year terms for Legislators. The terms are staggered so that in 2007, 1/2 of the members of the Legislature would serve 2-year terms and 1/2 of the members would

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serve 4-year terms. In 2009, the 1/2 that served 2-year terms in 2007 would begin serving 4-year terms.

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