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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 371, L.D. 496, Bill, "An Act To Extend Term Limits"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Term Limits'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 2nd indented paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'PART A

Sec. A-1. 21-A MRSA §553, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

§553. Limitations on terms

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

1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than -4- 8 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than -4- 8 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of Representatives.

3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Secretary of State.

4. Treasurer of State. A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Treasurer of State.

SENATE AMENDMENT

and Part A of this Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the
proclamation. If it appears that a plurality of the legal votes
are cast in favor of Question B, the Governor shall proclaim that
fact without delay, and Part B of this Act takes effect 30 days
after the date of the proclamation. If it appears that a
plurality of votes are cast in favor of Question C, the Governor
shall proclaim that fact without delay, and neither Part A nor
Part B of this Act takes effect.'

SUMMARY

This amendment presents 3 questions to the voters of the
State to vote on at the general election held in the year 2006.
The first question is whether the voters wish to extend the
number of years of service authorized under the term limits law
from 8 to 16 for Legislators. The 2nd question is whether the
voters wish to repeal term limits for state Senators and members
of the House of Representatives. The 3rd question is whether the
voters wish to retain the existing law that establishes term
limits of 8 years for Legislators.

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