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14	SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to D	н.р.
16	371, L.D. 496, Bill, "An Act To Eztend Term Limits"	
18	Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title replacing it with the following:	and
20	'An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Term Limits'	
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24	Further amend the amendment by striking out everything a the 2nd indented paragraph and inserting in its place following:	
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30	Sec. A-1. 21-A MRSA §553, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, and affected by §2, is amended to read:	<i>8</i> τ
32	§553. Limitations on terms	
34	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, consecu- terms in office are limited as follows.	tive
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	1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than -4	
38	consecutive terms as a state Senator.	<u>- o</u>
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	consecutive terms as a state Senator.	more
40	consecutive terms as a state Senator. <b>2. State Representative.</b> A person may not serve than -4- <u>8</u> consecutive terms as a member of the state House	more e of
40 42	<ul> <li>consecutive terms as a state Senator.</li> <li>2. State Representative. A person may not serve in than -4- <u>8</u> consecutive terms as a member of the state House Representatives.</li> <li>3. Secretary of State. A person may not serve more that</li> </ul>	more e of an 4

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**5. Attorney General.** A person may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms as Attorney General.

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6. State Auditor. A person may not serve more than 2
6 consecutive terms as State Auditor.

This section applies to terms of office that begin on or after December 3, 1996<u>, except that, beginning December 1, 2008,</u> a person may not serve more than 8 consecutive terms as a state Senator or as a member of the state House of Representatives.

### PART B

Sec. B-1. 21-A MRSA §553, sub-§1, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, 16 §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.

Sec. B-2. 21-A MRSA §553, sub-§2, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.

#### PART C

Sec. C-1. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at the next general election in the month 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 statewide election, to vote on one of the following questions:

32 Question A: "Do you favor increasing term limits to 16 years for Legislators?"

Question B: "Do you favor repealing term limits for 36 Legislators?"

38 Question C: "Do you favor retaining the existing law that establishes term limits of 8 years for Legislators?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on these questions and designate their choice for 42 or against only one of the questions by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or 44 "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared 46 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. If it 48 appears that a plurality of the legal votes are cast in favor of 50 Question A, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay,

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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 2 are cast in favor of Question B, the Governor shall proclaim that 4 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 6 shall proclaim that fact without delay, and neither Part A nor 8 Part B of this Act takes effect.'

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment presents 3 questions to the voters of the 14 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 16 from 8 to 16 for Legislators. The 2nd question is whether the voters wish to repeal term limits for state Senators and members 18 of the House of Representatives. The 3rd question is whether the voters wish to retain the existing law that establishes term 20 limits of 8 years for Legislators.

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