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LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
the following:

'An Act To Repeal Term Limits for State Legislators'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place
the following:

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§1 and affected by §2, is repealed.**

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§1 and affected by §2, is repealed.**

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**Sec. 3. 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 the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
following question:**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 "Do you favor repealing term limits for Legislators?"

4 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
6 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
8 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
10 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
12 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
14 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.

16 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
18 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment proposes
26 to repeal term limits for state Senators and members of the state
House of Representatives subject to approval by voters at a
referendum to be held in November 2006. The repeal would apply
to terms beginning December 6, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 496

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An Act To Extend Term Limits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-06	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.