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L.D. 496

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

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HOUSE 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 all of section 1 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 amended to read:

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1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than -4- 6
consecutive terms as a state Senator, except that a person
elected to serve a term in the 122nd Legislature may not serve
more than 4 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

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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 amended to read:

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2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than
4- 6 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of
Representatives, except that a person elected to serve a term in
the 122nd Legislature may not serve more than 4 consecutive terms
as a state Representative.'

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Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out the
first indented paragraph (page 1, lines 36 to 44 in L.D.) and
inserting in its place the following:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

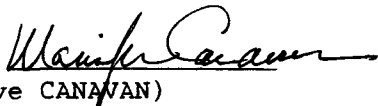
2 **'Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general**
3 **election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted
4 to the legal voters of the State at the next general election in
5 the month of November following passage of this Act. The
6 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of
7 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the
8 manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to
9 vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
10 following question:'

11 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
12 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
13 consecutively.

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16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment clarifies that the 8-year term limits apply
18 to anyone serving in the 122nd Legislature. Persons who are
19 elected for the first time or to a nonconsecutive term in the
20 123rd Legislature will have term limits of 12 years.

21 The amendment also changes the referendum to make it
22 coincide with the next general election in November.

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32 SPONSORED BY: 
33 (Representative CANAVAN)

34 TOWN: Waterville
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