

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 42

S.P. 27

In Senate, January 9, 2007

### An Act To Repeal Term Limits for Legislators

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and  
Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot,  
RAYE of Washington, Representatives: HOLMAN of Fayette, MOORE of Standish, NASS of  
Acton, TUTTLE of Sanford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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3 by §2, is repealed.

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5 by §2, is repealed.

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

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

14 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
15 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
16 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
17 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
18 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
19 review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of  
20 the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30  
21 days after the date of the proclamation.

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

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### SUMMARY

26 This bill eliminates term limits for Legislators if the people of the State favor the idea  
27 at a referendum.