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(Filing No. H-390)

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 339, L.D. 489, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms of Members of the Legislature"

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

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature'

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §2" in Section 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "election." the following: 'A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as a member of the House of Representatives.'

Amend the resolution by adding after that part designated "Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §5" the following:

'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Second, §1 is amended to read:

Section 1. Number of Senators; terms. The Senate shall consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than 31 nor more than 35, elected at the same time and for the same term as Representatives by the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall be from time to time divided. A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as a member of the Senate.'

Amend the resolution in the question in the last line (page 3, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "4 years" the following: 'and to limit the number of consecutive terms State Senators and members of the House of Representatives may serve from 4 terms to 2 terms'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The resolution proposes to increase the length of terms of members of the State Senate and the House of

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Representatives from 2 years to 4 years. The amendment also proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to limit the number of consecutive terms members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives may serve from 4 terms to 2 terms. The amendment changes the question to reflect the changes proposed in this amendment.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-390)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium savings - General Fund
 Future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds
 Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-13	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 requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, the Legislature would realize savings of approximately \$45,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 and every 2 years thereafter from reduced new member orientation expenses.

If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment would increase legislative terms from 2 to 4 years. This change will result in an Other Special Revenue Funds savings of \$426,877 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,467,670 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices due to eliminating the 2018 legislative election. This estimate assumes initial payment amounts to qualifying candidates will increase by 4% each election. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Commission would decrease by \$140,350 in fiscal year 2018-19 from not collecting qualifying contributions.