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An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, LIBBY of Auburn, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §553, first ¶**, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by
3 §2, is amended to read:

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~consecutive~~ terms in office are limited as
5 follows.

6 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §553, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

7 **2-A. Legislators; cumulative terms.** A person may not serve more than 8 cumulative
8 terms as a Legislator regardless of whether the terms served are in one House of the
9 Legislature or both.

10 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §553, last ¶**, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by
11 §2, is amended to read:

12 ~~This~~ Except for subsection 2-A, this section applies to terms of office that begin on or
13 after December 3, 1996.

14 **Sec. 4. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section
15 553, subsection 2-A, a person serving in the 130th Legislature who has served more than 8
16 cumulative terms may continue to serve through the end of the 130th Legislature.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides that Legislators have a lifetime cumulative limit of 8 terms in the
19 Legislature for a total of 16 years regardless of whether those terms are served in one
20 chamber or both.