

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative Information **cannot** perform research, provide legal advice, or interpret Maine law. For legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.

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

'An Act To Extend the Limits on Legislative Terms from 4 to 6 Terms'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

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

1. State Senate. A person may not serve more than ~~4~~6 consecutive terms as a state Senator.

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

2. State Representative. A person may not serve more than ~~4~~6 consecutive terms as a member of the state House of Representatives.

Sec. 3. Application. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 553, subsections 1 and 2, a person elected to serve a 4th consecutive term as a state Senator in the 123rd Legislature is ineligible to serve as a state Senator in the 124th Legislature, and a person elected to serve a 4th consecutive term as a member of the state House of Representatives in the 123rd Legislature is ineligible to serve as a member of the state House of Representatives in the 124th Legislature.'

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of the question (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

,

"Do you favor extending term limits for Legislators from 4 to 6 terms?"

,

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment differs from the bill, which proposes to repeal term limits, in that it extends term limits for Legislators from 4 to 6 terms. Under the amendment, the extension of allowable terms does not apply to members of the Legislature who are currently serving a 4th consecutive term as a Senator or as a member of the House of Representatives. Like the bill, this amendment submits the proposed alteration in the law governing term limits to the voters for approval.