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### **An Act to Redefine "Term" in the Law Governing Term Limits for Constitutional Offices**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, MARTIN of Oxford,  
Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §552, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 289, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Term.** "Term" means, for the purposes of the term of a state Senator or member of  
5 the House of Representatives, a full term of office or any portion of a term that began before  
6 the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year served by an elected official in an  
7 office subject to the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of the term of the Secretary  
8 of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General or State Auditor, "term" means a full term of  
9 office or any portion of a term that began before the first Wednesday in December in an  
10 odd-numbered year served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of  
11 this chapter.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill changes the earliest starting point of a partial term that the Secretary of State,  
14 Treasurer of State, Attorney General or State Auditor may serve without it being considered  
15 a term for purposes of term limits from the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered  
16 year to the first Wednesday in December in an odd-numbered year.