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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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