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

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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 3	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §553, first \P , as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:
4 5	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, consecutive terms in office are limited as follows.
6	Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §553, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
7 8 9	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.
10 11	Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §553, last ¶, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:
12 13	This Except for subsection 2-A, this section applies to terms of office that begin on or after December 3, 1996.
14 15 16	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.
17	SUMMARY
18 19 20	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.