

**An Act To Clarify Term Limits and To Ensure That They Are Broadly Consistent Across
All Offices Covered**

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

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

2. Term. "Term" means a full term of office or any portion of a term that began before the 3rd Wednesday in June in ~~an odd-numbered year~~ the second-to-last calendar year in which the month of June lies within the term served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that for purposes of the Term Limitation Act of 1993, the date for which a portion of a term beginning before that date is counted as a consecutive term, currently stated to be the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year, is the 3rd Wednesday in June in the second-to-last year calendar year in which the month of June lies within the term. This clarification ensures that the maximum period one can serve consecutively in any one of the offices covered by this act is roughly 9 1/2 years.