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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Limit a Governor's Pension to Governors Who Have
Served 2 Full Terms**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: CAIN of Penobscot, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, HILL of York,
PATRICK of Oxford.

1 **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each branch of the
2 Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be
3 proposed:

4 **Constitution, Art. V, Pt. First, §6** is amended to read:

5 **Section 6. Compensation.** The Governor shall, at stated times, receive for
6 services a compensation, which shall not be increased or diminished during the
7 Governor's continuance in office. A Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 or
8 the spouse of a Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 does not qualify for a
9 retirement allowance based on the Governor's service unless the Governor served at least
10 2 full terms as Governor.

11 ; and be it further

12 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date.**

13 **Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
14 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for
15 holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November
16 following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
17 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

18 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to restrict the
19 retirement allowance for a Governor who leaves office after January 1,
20 2012 or the spouse of such a Governor to apply only to Governors who
21 have served 2 full terms?"

22 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
23 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding
24 square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
25 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of
26 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
27 review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the
28 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment
29 becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it
30 further

31 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State
32 shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies
33 of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide that a Governor who
36 leaves office after January 1, 2012 or the spouse of a Governor who leaves office after
37 January 1, 2012 does not qualify for a retirement allowance based on the Governor's
38 service unless the Governor served at least 2 full terms as Governor.