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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "F" to S. P. 673, I. D. 2040, RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual  
Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters Which May be  
Considered in the Second Regular Session; to Provide for Single Member  
Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction  
of the Number of Representatives and Reapportionment of the House  
of Representatives and the Senate in 1983; to Establish an Apportionment  
Commission to Plan for all Reapportionments of the House of  
Representatives and Senate; to Abolish the Executive Council and  
Reassign Certain Constitutional Powers to a Legislative Council;  
and to Provide that Oaths and Subscriptions of Office of the Governor,  
Representatives and Senators shall be Taken before the Chief Justice  
of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Amend said Resolution in the Title by striking out the words  
"Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the words 'Council  
of Confirmation'

Further amend said Resolution by striking out in the 8th line of the  
22nd paragraph the underlined words "the Legislative Council" and inserting  
in place thereof the underlined words 'any four of the following: The  
President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House; the floor leaders and  
assistants of the two major political parties'

Further amend said Resolution by striking out in the 5th line of the  
25th paragraph the underlined words "LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL" and inserting  
in place thereof the underlined words 'COUNCIL OF CONFIRMATION'

Further amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 26th  
paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

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'Section 1. Council of Confirmation; created. There shall be a Council of Confirmation to consist of eight members, three of whom shall be members of the Senate and five of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives. They shall be the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two House members from each of the two major parties, elected by their respective membership; and one Senate member from each of the two major parties; elected by their respective membership. The Council shall be elected on the first Wednesday in January of the first regular session of the Legislature. The elected members shall serve for the term of the Legislature for which elected. Members on the Council by virtue of holding office shall serve only during the term in which such office is held. The Council shall select a chairman from within its membership.'

If any vacancy shall occur in the elected membership of the Council, a replacement from the same House and same party shall be elected by the membership of that party in that House to fill the unexpired term.'

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Further amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 27th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Section 2. Powers and duties. The Council of Confirmation shall exercise such powers and duties as may be delegated by the provisions of this Constitution. Any action by the Council of Confirmation shall require the affirmative vote of five members.'

Further amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 28th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Section 3. Meetings. The Council of Confirmation shall meet at the call of the Governor and at such other times as the membership or the Chairman shall deem necessary.'

Further amend said Resolution in the 30th paragraph by striking out in the 2nd line the underlined word "Legis-  
lative" and inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council"; and by striking out in the 4th and 5th lines the underlined word "Legislative" and by inserting in the 5th line the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

Further amend said Resolution in the 32nd paragraph by striking out in the 4th line the underlined word "Legis-  
lative" and by inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the underlined word "Council"; and by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines the underlined words "and to act on such other matters as he may properly bring before them".

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Further amend said Resolution in the 35th paragraph by striking out in the 1st and 2nd lines the underlined word "Legislative" and inserting in the 2nd line the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

Further amend said Resolution in the 37th paragraph by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined word "Legislative" and inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

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Further amend said Resolution in the 38th paragraph by striking out in the 6th line the underlined word "Legislative" and by inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

Further amend said Resolution in the 49th paragraph by striking out in the 1st line the underlined word "Legislative" and by inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council"; by striking out in the 4th line the underlined word "Legislative" and by inserting in the 5th line the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council"; and by striking out in the 9th and 10th lines the underlined words "Legislative" and by inserting in the 10th line the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the underlined word "Council".

Further amend said Resolution in the 51st paragraph by striking out in the 5th line the underlined word "Legislative" and by inserting the underlined words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

Further amend said Resolution in the <sup>3rd</sup> paragraph from the end by striking out in the 9th line the word "Legislative" and inserting the words 'of Confirmation' following the word "Council".

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Further amend said Resolution in the 2nd paragraph from the end by inserting in the 11th line following the word "that" the words 'Article IV, Part Fourth, Sections 1,2 and 3, and' ; and by striking out in the 13th and 14th lines the words "fourth Wednesday in January, 1974"and inserting in place thereof the words 'first Wednesday in January, 1975.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to place in the Constitution a Council of Confirmation, to be assigned the confirmation of appointment powers currently held by the Executive Council.

Filed by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

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