

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 775

In Senate, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Make the Term of Office of the State Planning Director  
Coterminous with that of the Governor.**

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

**R. S., T. 5, § 3304, sub-§ 1, amended.** Subsection 1 of section 3304 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 533 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

1. **Director.** The executive head of the State Planning Office shall be the director and shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Executive Council ~~and shall hold office for a term of 5 years to serve a term coterminous with the Governor, subject to removal for cause.~~ The director shall be paid a salary fixed by the Governor and Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would make the term of the Director of the State Planning Office coterminous with that of the Governor making the appointment to that office. The director is a key staff person in the Executive Department and should logically be chosen by the Governor to serve a coterminous term with the Governor, rather than the current 5 year term regardless of changes in the Office of the Governor. This is in keeping with the spirit of government reorganization whereby the terms of the Commissioners of Transportation, Education and Cultural Services, Environmental Protection, Manpower Affairs, Public Safety, Conservation, Health and Welfare, Finance and Administration and others were made coterminous with the term of the Governor.