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**Resolve, To Amend the Resolve Establishing the Task Force on  
Franco-Americans**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** the Task Force on Franco-Americans was established by Resolve 2011,  
4 chapter 102 to find ways to promote and preserve the Franco-American heritage that is  
5 shared by a great number of Maine citizens; and

6           **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that  
7 the study may be convened and completed and a report prepared in time for submission to  
8 the next legislative session; and

9           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           **Sec. 1. Resolve 2011, c. 102, §4, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2011, c.  
14 102, §4 is amended to read:

15           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That ~~all~~  
16 ~~appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this~~  
17 ~~resolve. The~~ the appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the  
18 Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all  
19 members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. The chairs  
20 may call and convene the first meeting of the task force during the Second Regular  
21 Session or any subsequent special session of the 125th Legislature. If 30 days or more  
22 after the ~~effective date of this resolve~~ adjournment of the Second Regular Session or any  
23 subsequent special session of the 125th Legislature a majority of but not all appointments  
24 have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant  
25 authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

26 ; and be it further

27           **Sec. 2. Resolve 2011, c. 102, §6, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2011, c.  
28 102, §6 is amended to read:

29           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the  
30 Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that  
31 the Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular  
32 or special session. The Franco-American Center at the University of Maine shall provide  
33 necessary staffing services to the task force when the Legislature is in regular or special  
34 session; and be it further

35 ; and be it further

36           **Sec. 3. Resolve 2011, c. 102, §7, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2011, c.  
37 102, §7 is amended to read:

38           **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, ~~no later than December 7, 2011, the task force~~  
39 ~~shall provide a preliminary report with draft recommendations to the Second Regular~~

1 ~~Session of the 125th Legislature. The notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the final report,~~  
2 including findings and recommendations, must be submitted to the joint standing  
3 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by  
4 ~~November 7~~ December 15, 2012. That joint standing committee is authorized to  
5 introduce a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the subject  
6 matter of the report; and be it further

7 ; and be it further

8 **Sec. 4. Resolve 2011, c. 102, §8, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2011, c.  
9 102, §8 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 8. Meetings; outside funding. Resolved:** That the task force is authorized  
11 to hold 4 meetings. The task force shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs  
12 of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance  
13 with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received  
14 within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no  
15 expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed; and be it further

16 ; and be it further

17 **Sec. 5. Retroactivity. Resolved:** That this resolve applies retroactively to July  
18 6, 2011.

19 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
20 legislation takes effect when approved.

## 21 SUMMARY

22 This resolve, which is an emergency, amends Resolve 2011, chapter 102, which  
23 established the Task Force on Franco-Americans. The resolve extends the time during  
24 which appointments may be made for the task force and authorizes the task force to hold  
25 4 meetings. The resolve also provides that the task force chairs may call and convene the  
26 first meeting of the task force during the Second Regular Session or any subsequent  
27 special session of the 125th Legislature. It also directs the Franco-American Center at the  
28 University of Maine to provide necessary staffing services to the task force when the  
29 Legislature is in regular or special session. The resolve also adds a retroactivity clause.