

# **EVOLUTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE REPUBLIC A LATVIA: FORM 1918-2006**

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***Abstract:** More than 50 years of Soviet occupation, the state of Latvia and constitutionalism could exist only in the imagination of the people. The Republic of Latvia was proclaimed on November 18, 1918, but the first claim of Latvians for the formation of an independent state was voiced on year before. Exactly on 19 November 1917 the Latvian Provisional National Council (LPNP) adopted the resolution regarding the need to convene the Satversme assembly and to draft the Satversme (constitution). The government of the Soviet Union issued an ultimatum to Republic of Latvia on June 16, 1940, asking for the government to resign. The following day the Soviets invaded, in violation of basic principles of international law, and occupied the country. The process or the way to the second independence of the Republic of Latvia began when the Supreme Council of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic (LSSR SC) adopted the declaration "On the Sovereignty of the State of Latvia" on 28 July 1989. With full restoration of the Constitution (Satversme) in 1993 democratic state structure, a parliamentary republic and division of power are recognized in Latvia on the highest level.*

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