

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY INTERIM SUCCESSORS TO CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF A CATASTROPHIC EVENT.

Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 29, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

§ 6. Emergency interim successors due to occurrence of catastrophic



event.

(a) The General Assembly shall enact laws providing for the establishment of emergency interim successors for vacant offices established under this Constitution if a catastrophic event:

(1) Results in no person being eligible to assume the office of Governor or act as Governor under this Constitution; or

(2) Reduces or incapacitates the total number of persons elected or appointed to the following governmental bodies in a manner that prevents the governmental body from achieving a quorum to conduct the business of the governmental body:

(A) The General Assembly;

(B) The Supreme Court; and

(C) Quorum courts.

(b) An emergency interim successor under this section shall serve only until:

(1) A successor is appointed or elected and qualified under this Constitution; or

(2) A lawful incumbent is able to resume the exercise of the powers and discharge the duties of the office.

SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

(1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot title; and

(2) The popular name shall be "A Proposed Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Provide for the Appointment of Emergency Interim Successors to Certain Constitutional Offices Upon the Occurrence of a Catastrophic Event."