

By the Committee on Security, Select and Representative
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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to succession to the office of
Governor; amending s. 14.055, F.S.; revising
provisions relating to succession to the office
of Governor; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 14.055, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

14.055 Succession to office of Governor.--Upon vacancy
in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall
become Governor. Upon vacancy in the office of Governor and
in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the ~~Secretary of State~~
~~shall become Governor; or if the office of Secretary of State~~
~~be vacant, then the~~ Attorney General shall become Governor; or
if the office of Attorney General be vacant, then the Chief
Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ shall become Governor; or if the
office of Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ be vacant, then
the ~~Treasurer shall become Governor; or if the office of~~
~~Treasurer be vacant, then the Commissioner of Education shall~~
~~become Governor; or if the office of Commissioner of Education~~
~~be vacant, then the~~ Commissioner of Agriculture shall become
Governor. A successor under this section shall serve for the
remainder of the term and shall receive all the rights,
privileges, and emoluments of the Governor. In case a vacancy
shall occur in the office of Governor and provision is not
made herein for filling such vacancy, then the Speaker of the
House and the President of the Senate shall convene the
Legislature by joint proclamation within 15 days for the
purpose of choosing a person to serve as Governor for the

1 remainder of the term. A successor shall be elected by a
2 majority vote in a joint session of both houses.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 7, 2003.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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Revises provisions relating to succession to the office
of Governor pursuant to constitutionally required changes
in the Cabinet effective January 7, 2003.

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