



1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to succession to the office of Governor;
 3 amending s. 14.055, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
 4 succession to the office of Governor; reenacting s.
 5 14.056, F.S., relating to succession as Acting Governor,
 6 to provide for the same amendments to succession in office
 7 as provided for succession to the office of Governor;
 8 providing an effective date.

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

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

14 14.055 Succession to office of Governor.--

15 (1) Upon vacancy in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant
 16 Governor shall become Governor. Upon vacancy in the office of
 17 Governor and in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the order of
 18 succession to the office of Governor shall be:

- 19 (a) Attorney General.
- 20 (b) Chief Financial Officer.
- 21 (c) Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 22 (d) President of the Senate.
- 23 (e) Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 24 (f) President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 25 (g) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.
- 26 (h) Secretary of State.

27 (2) The taking of oath of office of Governor by an
 28 individual specified in subsection (1) shall be held to



29 constitute his or her resignation from the office vacated in
30 order to assume the office of Governor ~~Secretary of State shall~~
31 ~~become Governor; or if the office of Secretary of State be~~
32 ~~vacant, then the Attorney General shall become Governor; or if~~
33 ~~the office of Attorney General be vacant, then the Comptroller~~
34 ~~shall become Governor; or if the office of Comptroller be~~
35 ~~vacant, then the Treasurer shall become Governor; or if the~~
36 ~~office of Treasurer be vacant, then the Commissioner of~~
37 ~~Education shall become Governor; or if the office of~~
38 ~~Commissioner of Education be vacant, then the Commissioner of~~
39 ~~Agriculture shall become Governor.~~ A successor under this
40 section shall serve for the remainder of the term and shall
41 receive all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the
42 Governor.

43 (3) In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of
44 Governor and provision is not made herein for filling such
45 vacancy, then the presiding officers ~~Speaker~~ of the House of
46 Representatives and ~~the President of~~ the Senate shall convene
47 the Legislature by joint proclamation within 5 calendar ~~15~~ days
48 for the purpose of choosing a person to serve as Governor for
49 the remainder of the term. A successor shall be elected by a
50 majority vote of those present in a joint session of both
51 houses.

52 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
53 to section 14.055, Florida Statutes, section 14.056, Florida
54 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

55 14.056 Succession as Acting Governor.--Upon impeachment of
56 the Governor and until completion of trial thereof, or during



57 | the Governor's physical or mental incapacity, the Lieutenant
58 | Governor shall become Acting Governor. Upon impeachment or
59 | physical or mental incapacity of an Acting Governor, or upon
60 | vacancy in the office of the person serving as Acting Governor,
61 | the powers and duties of Acting Governor shall devolve upon the
62 | same officer as in the case of vacancy in the office of
63 | Governor. A successor shall serve until the disability of either
64 | the Lieutenant Governor or Governor ceases. Incapacity and
65 | restoration of capacity to serve as Acting Governor shall be
66 | determined in the same manner as in making such determinations
67 | for Governor. In any case in which succession as Acting Governor
68 | is not provided herein, the Speaker of the House and the
69 | President of the Senate shall convene the Legislature by joint
70 | proclamation within 15 days for the purpose of choosing a person
71 | to serve as Acting Governor. Such person shall be elected by a
72 | majority vote in a joint session of both houses.

73 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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