

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 the provision of law
 4 specifying the authorized successors to the office of
 5 Governor and their order or succession; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Section 14.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 11 read:

12 14.055 Succession to office of Governor.--Upon vacancy in
 13 the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall become
 14 Governor. Upon vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the
 15 Governor shall appoint a successor who shall serve for the
 16 remainder of the term, provided that if after the ~~such~~
 17 appointment a vacancy occurs ~~shall occur~~ in the office of
 18 Governor with more than 28 months remaining in the term, then at
 19 the next statewide general election the electors shall choose a
 20 Governor and Lieutenant Governor to fill the remainder of the
 21 term in the manner provided in s. 5, Art. IV of the State
 22 Constitution. Upon vacancy in the office of Governor and in the
 23 office of Lieutenant Governor, ~~the Secretary of State shall~~
 24 ~~become Governor; or if the office of Secretary of State be~~
 25 ~~vacant, then~~ the Attorney General shall become Governor; ~~or~~ if
 26 the office of Attorney General is ~~be~~ vacant, ~~then the~~
 27 ~~Comptroller shall become Governor; or if the office of~~
 28 ~~Comptroller be vacant, then the~~ Chief Financial Officer

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29 ~~Treasurer~~ shall become Governor; or if the office of Chief
30 Financial Officer is Treasurer be vacant, ~~then the Commissioner~~
31 ~~of Education shall become Governor; or if the office of~~
32 ~~Commissioner of Education be vacant, then~~ the Commissioner of
33 Agriculture shall become Governor. Except as otherwise provided
34 in this section with respect to an appointed successor to the
35 office of Lieutenant Governor, a successor under this section
36 shall serve for the remainder of the term and shall receive all
37 the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the Governor. In case
38 a vacancy occurs ~~shall occur~~ in the office of Governor and
39 provision is not made in this section ~~herein~~ for filling the
40 ~~such~~ vacancy, ~~then~~ the Speaker of the House of Representatives
41 and the President of the Senate shall convene the Legislature by
42 joint proclamation within 15 days for the purpose of choosing a
43 person to serve as Governor for the remainder of the term. A
44 successor shall be elected by a majority vote in a joint session
45 of both houses.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.