

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

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6 By: Senator J. Hendren

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

36 § 6. Emergency interim successors due to occurrence of catastrophic



1 event.

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

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

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

11 (A) The General Assembly;

12 (B) The Supreme Court; and

13 (C) Quorum courts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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