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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORDER OF GUBERNATORIAL
SUCCESSION UNDER CERTAIN PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY
CIRCUMSTANCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) In case of the death,
2 resignation, refusal to serve or removal from office of the Governor and:

3 (1) There is a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor such that
4 no person is able to succeed to the office of Governor in accordance with
5 subsection a. of article twenty-second of the amendments to the
6 Constitution of the state, and there is a vacancy in the office of president
7 pro tempore of the Senate such that no person is able to succeed to the
8 office of Lieutenant Governor in accordance with section 19 of article
9 fourth of the Constitution of the state, the speaker of the House of
10 Representatives shall, upon taking the oath of office of Governor, be
11 Governor of the state until another is chosen at the next regular election
12 for Governor and is duly qualified;

13 (2) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivision (1) of this

14 subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, the Attorney General shall, upon taking the oath of
16 office of Governor, be Governor of the state until another is chosen at
17 the next regular election for Governor and is duly qualified;

18 (3) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) and (2) of
19 this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Attorney General, the
20 Treasurer shall, upon taking the oath of office of Governor, be Governor
21 of the state until another is chosen at the next regular election for
22 Governor and is duly qualified;

23 (4) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3),
24 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Treasurer,
25 the Comptroller shall, upon taking the oath of office of Governor, be
26 Governor of the state until another is chosen at the next regular election
27 for Governor and is duly qualified;

28 (5) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (4),
29 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of
30 Comptroller, the Secretary of the State shall, upon taking the oath of
31 office of Governor, be Governor of the state until another is chosen at
32 the next regular election for Governor and is duly qualified;

33 (6) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (5),
34 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Secretary
35 of the State, the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall,
36 upon taking the oath of office of Governor, be Governor of the state until
37 another is chosen at the next regular election for Governor and is duly
38 qualified; and

39 (7) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (6),
40 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of majority
41 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate
42 shall, upon taking the oath of office of Governor, be Governor of the
43 state until another is chosen at the next regular election for Governor
44 and is duly qualified.

45 (b) In case of the impeachment of the Governor or of the Governor's
46 absence from the state, and:

47 (1) There is a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor such that
48 no person is able to act as Governor in accordance with subsection b. of
49 article twenty-second of the amendments to the Constitution of the
50 state, and there is a vacancy in the office of president pro tempore of the
51 Senate such that no person is able to succeed to the office of Lieutenant
52 Governor in accordance with section 19 of article fourth of the
53 Constitution of the state, the speaker of the House of Representatives
54 shall exercise the powers and authority and perform the duties
55 appertaining to the office of Governor until, if the Governor has been
56 impeached, the Governor has been acquitted or, if absent, the Governor
57 has returned;

58 (2) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivision (1) of this
59 subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of speaker of the House of
60 Representatives, the Attorney General shall exercise the powers and
61 authority and perform the duties appertaining to the office of Governor
62 until, if the Governor has been impeached, the Governor has been
63 acquitted or, if absent, the Governor has returned;

64 (3) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) and (2) of
65 this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Attorney General, the
66 Treasurer shall exercise the powers and authority and perform the
67 duties appertaining to the office of Governor until, if the Governor has
68 been impeached, the Governor has been acquitted or, if absent, the
69 Governor has returned;

70 (4) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3),
71 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Treasurer,
72 the Comptroller shall exercise the powers and authority and perform
73 the duties appertaining to the office of Governor until, if the Governor
74 has been impeached, the Governor has been acquitted or, if absent, the
75 Governor has returned;

76 (5) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (4),

77 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of
78 Comptroller, the Secretary of the State shall exercise the powers and
79 authority and perform the duties appertaining to the office of Governor
80 until, if the Governor has been impeached, the Governor has been
81 acquitted or, if absent, the Governor has returned;

82 (6) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (5),
83 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of Secretary
84 of the State, the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall
85 exercise the powers and authority and perform the duties appertaining
86 to the office of Governor until, if the Governor has been impeached, the
87 Governor has been acquitted or, if absent, the Governor has returned;
88 and

89 (7) In addition to the vacancies set forth in subdivisions (1) to (6),
90 inclusive, of this subsection, there is a vacancy in the office of majority
91 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate
92 shall exercise the powers and authority and perform the duties
93 appertaining to the office of Governor until, if the Governor has been
94 impeached, the Governor has been acquitted or, if absent, the Governor
95 has returned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

GAE *Joint Favorable*