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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF, BENEDETTO, MAISEL -- Multi-Sponsored by --  
M. of A. CAHILL, CAMARA, LUPARDO, MARKEY -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill  
amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said commit-  
tee

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to sections 5 and 6 of article 4 of the constitu-  
tion, in relation to duties of and the appointment of lieutenant-gov-  
ernor

1     Section 1. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That section 5 of article  
2     4 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:  
3     S 5. In case of the removal of the governor from office or of his or  
4     her death or resignation, the lieutenant-governor shall become governor  
5     for the remainder of the term.  
6     In case the governor-elect shall decline to serve or shall die, the  
7     lieutenant-governor-elect shall become governor for the full term.  
8     In case the governor is impeached[, is absent from the state] or is  
9     otherwise unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of  
10    governor, the lieutenant-governor shall act as governor until the  
11    inability shall cease or until the term of the governor shall expire.  
12    In case of the failure of the governor-elect to take the oath of  
13    office at the commencement of his or her term, the lieutenant-governor-  
14    elect shall act as governor until the governor shall take the oath.  
15    S 2. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That section 6 of article 4 of  
16    the constitution be amended to read as follows:  
17    S 6. The lieutenant-governor shall possess the same qualifications of  
18    eligibility for office as the governor. The lieutenant-governor shall be  
19    the president of the senate but shall have only a casting vote therein.  
20    The lieutenant-governor shall receive for his or her services an annual  
21    salary to be fixed by joint resolution of the senate and assembly.  
22    In case of vacancy in the offices of both governor and lieutenant-gov-  
23    ernor, a governor and lieutenant-governor shall be elected for the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 remainder of the term at the next general election happening not less  
2 than three months after both offices shall have become vacant. No  
3 election of a lieutenant-governor shall be had in any event except at  
4 the time of electing a governor.

5 In case of vacancy in the offices of both governor and lieutenant-gov-  
6 ernor or if both of them shall be impeached[, absent from the state] or  
7 otherwise unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of  
8 governor, the temporary president of the senate shall act as governor  
9 until the inability shall cease or until a governor shall be elected.

10 In case of TEMPORARY vacancy in the office of lieutenant-governor  
11 alone, [or if the lieutenant-governor shall be impeached, absent] FOR  
12 ABSENCE from the state or otherwise [unable] INABILITY to discharge the  
13 duties of office, the temporary president of the senate shall perform  
14 all the duties of lieutenant-governor during such vacancy or inability.

15 IN CASE OF PERMANENT VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR  
16 ALONE, ON GROUNDS OF IMPEACHMENT, RESIGNATION, DEATH, OR OTHERWISE  
17 PERMANENT ABSENCE FROM THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LIEUTEN-  
18 ANT-GOVERNOR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SUCH PERMANENT VACANCY, SUBJECT TO  
19 THE CONFIRMATION BY A MAJORITY VOTE IN THE STATE SENATE AND A MAJORITY  
20 VOTE IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SUCH APPOINTMENT BY THE  
21 GOVERNOR, TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES OF SUCH OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE  
22 TERM. IF EITHER THE SENATE OR THE ASSEMBLY FAILS TO CONFIRM SUCH  
23 APPOINTMENT THEN THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE A NEW APPOINTMENT SUBJECT TO  
24 THE CONFIRMATION BY A MAJORITY VOTE IN THE STATE SENATE AND A MAJORITY  
25 VOTE IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY.

26 If, when the duty of acting as governor devolves upon the temporary  
27 president of the senate, there be a vacancy in such office or the tempo-  
28 rary president of the senate shall be absent from the state or otherwise  
29 unable to discharge the duties of governor, the speaker of the assembly  
30 shall act as governor during such vacancy or inability.

31 The legislature may provide for the devolution of the duty of acting  
32 as governor in any case not provided for in this article.

33 S 3. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments be  
34 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
35 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
36 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
37 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.