

Senate Joint Resolution 2006 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2006
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3133)

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the gubernatorial line of
3 succession.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 **Lieutenant governor to act as governor or assume the office of**
6 **the governor.** SEC. 17. In the case of the temporary disability
7 or impeachment with possibility of acquittal of the governor,
8 the powers and duties of the office shall devolve upon the
9 lieutenant governor until the governor resumes office or for
10 the residue of the term. In the case of the death, permanent
11 disability, resignation, removal from office, or impeachment
12 with no further possibility of acquittal of the governor, the
13 lieutenant governor shall assume the office of the governor
14 for the residue of the term. A governor who so assumes office
15 shall appoint a lieutenant governor who shall have the duties
16 provided in section 18 of this article and who shall in turn
17 be eligible to act as governor or to assume the office of the
18 governor as provided in this section.

19 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
20 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
21 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
22 election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary
23 of state is directed to cause the proposed amendment to be
24 published for three consecutive months previous to the date of
25 that election as provided by law.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
30 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the consequences
31 of a governor becoming temporarily or permanently unable to
32 perform the duties of the governor. In the case of a temporary
33 disability or an impeachment with the possibility of acquittal,
34 the lieutenant governor shall have the powers of the governor
35 until the governor is able to resume the office. In the case

1 of a permanent disability, death, resignation, or removal
2 from office of the governor including by impeachment, the
3 lieutenant governor shall assume the office of the governor.
4 In this case, the former lieutenant governor shall appoint a
5 new lieutenant governor, who will have the same powers and
6 duties as one who was elected, including the duty to act as
7 governor, or to assume the office of the governor and appoint a
8 new lieutenant governor.

9 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
10 referred to the next general assembly (88th) for adoption,
11 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.