

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0521

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 521*

by adding the following language immediately preceding the first resolving clause:

WHEREAS, the welfare and stability of the State are best served if a qualified person with governmental experience is immediately available to assume the powers and duties of the office of Governor when the Governor is declared unable to do so; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the amendatory language of the first resolving clause in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In the case of the inability of the Governor to discharge the powers and duties of the office as declared in writing by either the Governor or a majority of the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and three commissioners of administrative departments designated by general law and upon the transmittal of the written declaration to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the powers and duties of the office shall be temporarily discharged by the Speaker of the Senate, or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives if that office is unoccupied, until the Governor transmits to the Speakers a written declaration to the contrary. During the time period a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor, the Speaker shall not be considered as holding the office of Governor and therefore shall not be required to resign as Speaker or as a member of the General Assembly. A Speaker shall retain the Speaker's salary while temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor, but shall not preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the General Assembly.

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To ensure continuity in the office of Governor, for the limited purposes contained herein, nothing in this section shall be construed to violate or be in conflict with any other provision of this Constitution.