

## CHAPTER 743

(House Bill 297)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Sections 6 and 7 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", providing for succession to the office of Governor of this State in the event of certain specified contingencies, relating generally thereto, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the legal and qualified voters of this State for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (Three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following sections be and they are hereby proposed as amendments to Sections 6 and 7 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Executive Department", the same if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

6. **[**In case of the death, or resignation of the Governor, or of his removal from the State, or other disqualification, the General Assembly, if in session, or if not, at their next session, shall elect some other qualified person to be Governor for the residue of the term for which the said Governor had been elected.**]** *In case of the death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification of the Governor, the General Assembly, if in session with a quorum present, or if not, at its next session with a quorum present, shall elect some other qualified person to be Governor for the residue of the term for which the said Governor had been elected.*

7. **[**In case of any vacancy in the office of Governor, during the recess of the Legislature, the President of the Senate shall discharge the duties of said office, until a Governor is elected, as herein provided for; and in case of the death, or resignation of the said President, or of his removal from the State, or of his refusal to serve, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner, and for the same interval, devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Delegates.**]** *In case of any vacancy in the office of Governor, and until the General Assembly meets in session with a quorum present and elects a Governor as provided for in Section 6, the President of the Senate, AT THE TIME SUCH VACANCY OCCURRED, shall discharge the duties of said office; and in case there be no President of the Senate or in the case of his refusal to serve, and in the case of his death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification while discharging the duties of said office of Governor, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner and for the same interval, devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Delegates, AT THE TIME SUCH VACANCY OCCURRED; and in case there be no Speaker of the House of Delegates or in the case of his refusal to serve, and in the case of his death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification while discharging the duties of said office of Gov-*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

**[**Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.