

Lieutenant Governor, or the exercise of the powers and duties of a successor to the office of Governor.

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[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 Senate, 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 Governor, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner and for the same interval, devolve upon the Comptroller of the State, at the time such vacancy occurred; and in case there be no Comptroller of the State, 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 Attorney General of the State, at the time such vacancy occurred. And] *The Legislature may provide by law, not inconsistent with Section 26 of Article III of this Constitution, for the impeachment of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.* [and in case of his conviction or his inability, may declare what person shall perform the Executive duties; and for any vacancy in said office not herein provided for, provision may be made by law; and if such vacancy should occur without such provision being made, the Legislature shall be convened by the Secretary of State, for the purpose of filling said vacancy.]

7A. INTERIM PROVISIONS

EFFECTIVE PROMPTLY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS, THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SHALL NOMINATE A PERSON TO SERVE AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION, WHO SHALL SERVE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR SHALL BE QUALIFIED, SUBJECT TO ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE III OF THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE PERSON SO NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the foregoing amendments hereby proposed to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on*