

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Vacancy in office of Governor</p>	<p>Sec. 6. 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.</p>	<p>Sec. 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.</p>	<p>Sec. 8. In case of the death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification of the Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor; and in case of his death, resignation, removal, or other disqualification, then upon the President of the Senate for the time being, until the disqualification or inability shall cease, or until a new Governor shall be elected and qualified; 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 General Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary of State for the purpose of filling said vacancy.</p>
<p>Temporary succession to office of Governor</p>	<p>Sec. 7. 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</p>	<p>Sec. 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. And the Legislature may provide by Law, for the impeachment of the 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</p>	<p>Sec. 8. In case of the death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification of the Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor; and in case of his death, resignation, removal, or other disqualification, then upon the President of the Senate for the time being, until the disqualification or inability shall cease, or until a new Governor shall be elected and qualified; 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 General Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary of State for the purpose of filling said vacancy.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 7. In case of the death or resignation of the Governor, or of his removal from the State, the General Assembly, if in session, or if not, at their next session, shall elect some other qualified resident of the same district, to be the Governor for the residue of the term for which the said Governor had been elected.</p>	<p>32. That upon the death, resignation or removal out of this State of the governor, the first named of the council, for the time being, shall act as governor, and qualify in the same manner, and shall immediately call a meeting of the general assembly, giving not less than fourteen days notice of the meeting, at which meeting a governor shall be appointed, in manner aforesaid, for the residue of the year.</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 16. Ratified 1809.</p> <p>Hereafter upon the death resignation, or removal out of this State of the Governor, it shall not be necessary to call a meeting of the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby but the first named of the Council for the time being shall qualify and act as Governor, until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which meeting a Governor shall be chosen in the manner heretofore appointed and directed.</p>
<p>Sec. 8. 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 till a Governor is elected as herein provided for; and in case of the death or resignation of 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, and the Legislature may provide by law for the case of impeachment or inability of the Governor, and declare what person shall perform the executive duties during such impeachment or inability; and for any vacancy in said office, not herein provided for, provision may be made</p>	<p>32. That upon the death, resignation, or removal out of this State of the governor, the first named of the council, for the time being, shall act as governor, and qualify in the same manner, and shall immediately call a meeting of the general assembly, giving not less than fourteen days notice of the meeting, at which meeting a governor shall be appointed, in manner aforesaid, for the residue of the year.</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1836, chapter 197. Ratified 1837.</p> <p>Sec. 18. In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Governor at any time after this act shall go into operation the General Assembly, if in Session, or, if in the re-recess, at their next session, shall proceed to elect, by joint ballot of the two houses, some person, being a qualified resident of the gubernatorial district from which the governor for said term is to be taken, to be Governor for the residue of said term, in place of the person originally chosen; and in every case of vacancy, until the election and qualification of the person succeeding, the secretary of State, by virtue of his said office, shall be clothed, ad interim, with the Executive</p>