

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.¹

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 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, 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 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.²

SEC. 8. The Governor shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces of the State; and may call out the Militia to repel invasions, suppress insurrections, and enforce the execution of the Laws; but shall not take the command in person, without the consent of the Legislature.

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