

term. When a vacancy occurs in the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall nominate a person who shall succeed to that office upon confirmation by the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the General Assembly in joint session. If vacancies in the offices of governor and lieutenant governor exist at the same time during the first year of their term, the offices shall be filled for the remainder of the term at the next general election and the president of the Senate shall serve as acting governor until the newly elected governor has qualified. If vacancies in the offices of governor and lieutenant governor exist at the same time after the first year of their term, the president of the Senate shall succeed to the office of governor for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy exists in the office of lieutenant governor, at a time when the lieutenant governor is authorized to serve as acting governor, the president of the Senate shall serve as acting governor. If there is a vacancy in the office of the president of the Senate at a time when he is authorized to succeed to the office of governor or is authorized to serve as acting governor, the Senate shall convene and fill the vacancy.

#### **Section 4.10. Powers and Duties of Successor.**

When the lieutenant governor or the president of the Senate succeeds to the office of governor, he shall have the title, powers, duties, and emoluments of that office; but when the lieutenant governor or the president of the Senate serves as acting governor, he shall have only the powers and duties of that office. When the president of the Senate serves as acting governor, he shall continue to be president of the Senate, but his duties as president shall be performed by such other person as the Senate shall select.

#### **Section 4.11. Adjudication of Disputes.**

The Court of Appeals shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate disputes or questions arising from the failure of the governor-elect to take office, or the service of the lieutenant governor or president of the Senate as acting governor, or the creation of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor by reason of disability, or the succession to the office of governor or lieutenant governor, or the exercise of the powers and duties of a successor to the office of governor.