

nator files with the County Council the successor's name, address and rank in order of succession. Data regarding duly authorized deputies and "emergency interim successors" shall be kept on file and shall be open to public inspection.

(e) Formalities of Taking Office. At the time of their designation, "emergency interim successors" shall take such oath and do such other things, if any, as may be required to qualify them to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office to which they may succeed.

(f) Suspension of Charter Provisions. A proclamation of a state of public emergency in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)1. of Section 2-22A, of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, shall serve to suspend the following provisions of the Charter of Montgomery County, Maryland:

Article I, Section 102 except for the provision that the Council shall be composed of seven members, each of whom shall be a qualified voter of Montgomery County.

The provision of Article III, Section 308 requiring emergency appropriations to specify the revenues necessary to finance it.

(g) Voting Requirements. In the event of a proclamation of a state of public emergency where the affirmative vote of a specified number or proportion of members of the County Council for approval of an act, ordinance, resolution would otherwise be required, the same proportion of those voting thereon shall be sufficient.

(h) Prior Publication Notice and Public Hearings. In the event of a proclamation of a state of public emergency those Charter and statutory provisions requiring prior publication, public notice and/or public hearings for the enactment of legislation or for the performance of official acts are suspended. Such notice and/or publication shall be accomplished as soon as practicable following the enactment of the legislation or the performance of the official act. In no event shall such notice or publication be delayed more than a reasonable time following the end of a state of public emergency.

SEC. 2. Severability.

The provisions of this Act are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had