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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article III, Section 4(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to require the legislature to provide by law for the succession to the powers and duties of a member of the legislature when the incumbent member becomes unavailable for certain reasons; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article III, Section 4(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Qualifications; Residence and Domicile Requirements; Term; Election Limitations; Vacancies; Temporary Successors

Section 4.

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F. Temporary Successors. The legislature shall provide by law for the prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of a member of the legislature if the incumbent member is unavailable to perform his functions or duties due to being ordered to active duty in the armed services of the United States.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
4 read as follows:

5 To require the legislature to provide by law for the prompt and temporary
6 succession to the powers and duties of a legislator if the legislator is
7 unavailable to perform his functions or duties due to being ordered to active
8 duty in the armed services of the United States. (Adds Article III, Section
9 4(F))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE