2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

GOVERNOR/SUCCESSION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for gubernatorial succession

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend and reenact Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to
3	change the order of gubernatorial succession; to provide for submission of the
4	proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
5	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
6	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
7	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
8	amend Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
9	§14. Vacancy in Office of Governor
10	Section 14. When a vacancy occurs in the office of governor, the order of
11	succession shall be (1) the elected lieutenant governor, (2) the elected secretary of
12	state the presiding officer of the House of Representatives, (3) the elected attorney
13	general the presiding officer of the Senate, (4) the elected treasurer the elected
14	secretary of state, (5) the presiding officer of the Senate the elected attorney general,
15	(6) the presiding officer of the House of Representatives the elected treasurer, and
16	then (7) as provided by law. The successor shall serve the remainder of the term for
17	which the governor was elected.
18	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
19	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
20	2020.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,		
2	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted		
3	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as		
4	follows:		
5	Do you support an amendment to change the order of gubernatorial		
6	succession? (Amends Article IV, Section 14)		

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the order of gubernatorial succession.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that in the event of a vacancy in the office of governor, the order of succession shall be as follows:

- (1) Elected lieutenant governor.
- (2) Elected secretary of state.
- (3) Elected attorney general.
- (4) Elected treasurer.
- (5) Presiding officer of the Senate.
- (6) Presiding officer of the House of Representatives.
- (7) As provided by law.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> except to put the presiding officer of the House in the second position, behind the lieutenant governor, the presiding officer of the Senate in the third position, and the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the treasurer in the fourth, fifth, and sixth positions respectively.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2020.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §14)