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HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the order of succession when a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor; 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 amend Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§14. Vacancy in Office of Governor

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1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 3 2024. 4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, 5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 7 follows: 8 Do you support an amendment to provide for the order of succession when

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a vacancy occurs in the office of governor? (Amends Article IV, Section 14)

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Abstract: Provides for the order of succession when a vacancy occurs in the office of governor.

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

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

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> instead provides the order of succession shall be as follows:

- (1) The elected lieutenant governor.
- (2) The presiding officer of the Senate.
- (3) The presiding officer of the House of Representatives.
- (4) The elected secretary of state.

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- (5) The elected attorney general.
- (6) The elected treasurer.
- (7) The elected commissioner of agriculture.
- (8) The elected commissioner of insurance.
- (9) The elected superintendent of education.
- (10) The elected commissioner of elections.
- (11) As provided by law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Section 14)