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Subject: Vacancy in office of Governor, Lt. Governor and Treasurer

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Sec. 1. Section 24 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§24. [DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF GOVERNOR, VACANCY IN OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND TREASURER]

In the case of the death, conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify or resignation of the Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor shall become Governor for the remainder of the term and in the case of the disability of the Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the Lieutenant-Governor until the disability is removed. If the Lieutenant-Governor becomes Governor under this section at any time during the twelve months following the Governor's election, the vacancy created thereby in the office of Lieutenant-Governor shall be filled by special election. Otherwise, the vacancy shall remain unfilled until the next general election.

The Legislature shall provide by general law what officer shall act as Governor whenever there shall be a vacancy in both the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, as occasioned by a failure to elect, or by the removal from office, or by the death or resignation of both Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, or by the inability of both Governor and Lieutenant-Governor to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office of Governor; and such officer so designated, shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties appertaining to the office of Governor accordingly until the disability shall be removed, or a Governor shall be elected. And in case there shall be a vacancy in the office

of Treasurer, by reason of any of the causes enumerated, the Governor shall appoint a Treasurer for the time being, who shall act as Treasurer until the disability shall be removed, or a new election shall be made.