
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: Z-0502.1/13

ATTY/TYPIST: AA:lel

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Amending the state Constitution to provide continuity of state and local government during emergencies and disasters.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article II, section 42 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 42. The legislature, in order to insure
9 continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of
10 emergency (~~(resulting from enemy)~~), disaster, or attack, shall have the
11 power and the duty, immediately upon and after adoption of this
12 amendment, to enact legislation providing for prompt and temporary
13 succession to the powers and duties of public offices of whatever
14 nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents
15 and legal successors of which may become unavailable for carrying on
16 the powers and duties of such offices; the legislature shall likewise
17 enact such other measures as may be necessary and proper for insuring
18 the continuity of governmental operations during such emergencies,
19 disasters, or attacks. Legislation enacted under the powers conferred

1 by this amendment shall in all respects conform to the remainder of the
2 Constitution: *Provided*, That if, in the judgment of the legislature at
3 the time of the emergency, disaster, or attack, conformance to the
4 provisions of the Constitution would be impracticable or would admit of
5 undue delay, such legislation may depart during the period of emergency
6 (~~caused by enemy~~), disaster, or attack only, from the following
7 sections of the Constitution:

8 Article 14, Sections 1 and 2, Seat of Government;

9 Article 2, Sections 8, 15 (Amendments 13 and 32), and 22,
10 Membership, Quorum of Legislature and Passage of Bills;

11 Article 3, Section 10 (Amendment 6), Succession to Governorship:
12 *Provided*, That the legislature shall not depart from Section 10,
13 Article III, as amended by Amendment 6, of the state Constitution
14 relating to the Governor's office so long as any successor therein
15 named is available and capable of assuming the powers and duties of
16 such office as therein prescribed;

17 Article 3, Section 13, Vacancies in State Offices;

18 Article 11, Section 6, Vacancies in County Offices;

19 Article 11, Section 2, Seat of County Government;

20 Article 3, Section 24, State Records.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
22 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
23 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
24 newspaper in the state.

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