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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
101st LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 992, L. D. 1435, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Clarifying Provisions Governing Assumption of Office of Governor by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all of that part designated "Section 14." and inserting in place thereof the following:

" 'Section 14. Whenever the office of Governor shall become vacant ~~by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise,~~ the President of the Senate shall assume ~~exercise~~ the office of Governor until another Governor shall be duly qualified; ~~in the event such.~~ When the vacancy occurs not less more than ninety days ~~immediately~~ preceding the date of the primaries primary election for nominating candidates to be voted for at the biennial election next succeeding, the President of the Senate shall exercise the office of Governor until the first Wednesday of January following ~~such~~ the biennial election. At ~~such~~ the biennial election, a Governor shall be elected to fill the un-expired term created by ~~such~~ the vacancy unless. When the vacancy ~~shall have occurred~~ occurs less than ninety days ~~immediately~~ preceding the date of or after such primaries; ~~in which case a primary election~~ the ~~then~~ President of the Senate shall fill the unexpired term; ~~and in case of the death, resignation, removal from office or other disqualification of the president of the senate; so exercising the office of governor; the speaker of the house of representatives shall exercise the office; until a president of the senate shall have been chosen; and when the office of governor; president of the senate; and speaker of the house shall become vacant; in the recess of the senate; the person; acting as secretary of state for the time being; shall by proclamation convene the senate; that a president may be chosen to exercise the office of governor.~~

Whenever the offices of Governor and President of the Senate are vacant at the same time, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall exercise the office of Governor for the same term and under the same conditions as the President of the Senate.

~~And whenever~~ Whenever either the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives shall ~~so~~ exercise said the office of Governor, he shall receive only the compensation of the Governor, but his duties as President or Speaker shall be suspended; ~~and the Senate or House; shall fill the vacancy; until his duties as Governor shall cease.~~

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Whenever the offices of Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives are vacant at the same time, the person acting as Secretary of State shall exercise the office of Governor. Within 30 days he shall convene the Senate and the House of Representatives which shall fill the vacancy in the office of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and by joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention choose a person who shall exercise the office of Governor for the unexpired term. "

Filed by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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