
DIGEST

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HB 868 Reengrossed

2020 Regular Session

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Abstract: Provides for the Legislative Continuity Act rather than the Emergency Interim Legislative Succession Act.

Present law provides for the Emergency Interim Legislative Succession Act. Provides definitions, provides for the appointment of emergency interim successors and their qualifications and duties, provides for the place of the legislative session and the convening of the legislature in the event of an attack, provides relative to quorum and vote requirements in the event of an attack, provides for the suspension of certain legal requirements and subject matter limitations, and provides for the termination of the provisions.

Proposed law provides instead for the Legislative Continuity Act, adds definitions for "disaster" and "public health emergency". Includes additional provisions for the operation of the legislature in cases of disasters or public health emergencies and provides for the ability for the legislature to utilize technology for remote sessions and voting during certain disasters and emergencies. Provides that if a legislator fails to name his successors, the appropriate presiding officer provides for the successors rather than the governor. Authorizes the presiding officers and the governor to change the place of the session in cases of attack, disaster, or emergency rather than only the governor. Further authorizes the presiding officers of the legislature to convene the legislature in an emergency session without prior notice if they deem it appropriate and necessary to respond to the emergency. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 24:61-75)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Add provision authorizing presiding officers of the legislature to convene the legislature in an emergency session.