

HOUSE BILL No. 6595

November 6, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Bieda and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 67 (MCL 168.67), as amended by 1981 PA 44.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 67. (1) If a vacancy **OR DISABILITY** occurs in the office
2 of governor, the powers and duties of ~~that~~**THE** office **OF GOVERNOR**
3 shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor for the remainder of the
4 term or until the disability ceases.

5 (2) If the lieutenant governor succeeds to the office of
6 governor, or if a vacancy **OR DISABILITY** occurs in the office of
7 lieutenant governor, ~~the senate, by resolution, with a record roll~~
8 ~~call vote, shall appoint an acting lieutenant governor of the same~~
9 ~~political party as the governor~~ **SHALL NOMINATE A LIEUTENANT**
10 **GOVERNOR WHO SHALL TAKE OFFICE UPON CONFIRMATION BY A MAJORITY VOTE**

1 OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE AND who shall
2 serve for the remainder of the term or until the disability ceases.

3 (3) If a vacancy OR DISABILITY occurs in both the offices of
4 governor and lieutenant governor, the elected secretary of state,
5 the elected attorney general, the senate president pro tempore, and
6 the speaker of the house of representatives, in that order shall
7 act as governor until the vacancy is filled or the disability of
8 either the governor or lieutenant governor ceases, as provided in
9 section 26 of article 5-V of the state constitution of 1963.

10 (4) ~~Should~~ IF the governor-elect ~~die~~ DIES or ~~fail~~ FAILS to
11 qualify by ~~the first of January next following~~ JANUARY 1 AFTER his
12 or her election, the lieutenant governor-elect shall qualify and
13 exercise all the powers and duties of the office of governor for
14 the entire term, or until the governor-elect shall qualify. ~~Should~~
15 IF the lieutenant governor-elect also ~~die~~ DIES or ~~fail~~ FAILS to
16 qualify, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall
17 devolve upon the secretary of state-elect and the attorney general-
18 elect in that order in a like manner.