

Senate Bill No. 1530

CHAPTER 180

An act to amend Sections 12058 and 12059 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1530, Hollingsworth. Office of the Governor: succession.

Existing law lists, in order, the state officers that succeed to the office of the Governor under certain circumstances.

This bill would add the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Insurance Commissioner, and the Chair of the Board of Equalization to those lists.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12058 of the Government Code is amended to read:

12058. In case of vacancy in the office of Governor and in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the last duly elected President pro Tempore of the Senate shall become Governor for the residue of the term; or if there be no President pro Tempore of the Senate, then the last duly elected Speaker of the Assembly shall become Governor for the residue of the term; or if there be none, then the Secretary of State; or if there be none, then the Attorney General; or if there be none, then the Treasurer; or if there be none, then the Controller; or if there be none, then the Superintendent of Public Instruction; or if there be none, then the Insurance Commissioner; or if there be none, then the Chair of the Board of Equalization; or if, as the result of a war or enemy-caused disaster, there be none, then such person designated as provided by law. In case of impeachment of the Governor or officer acting as Governor, his or her absence from the state, or his or her other temporary disability to discharge the powers and duties of office, then the powers and duties of the office of Governor devolve upon the same officer as in the case of vacancy in the office of Governor, but only until the disability shall cease.

SEC. 2. Section 12059 of the Government Code is amended to read:

12059. In case of the death, disability or other failure to take office of both the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant Governor-elect, the last duly elected President pro Tempore of the Senate, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the last duly elected Speaker of the Assembly, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take

office, the Secretary of State-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the Attorney General-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the Treasurer-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the Controller-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the Superintendent of Public Instruction-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the Insurance Commissioner-elect, or in case of his or her death, disability, or other failure to take office, the last duly elected Chair of the Board of Equalization shall act as Governor from the same time and in the same manner as provided for the Governor-elect. The person shall, in the case of death, be Governor for the full term or in the case of disability or other failure to take office shall act as Governor until the disability of the Governor-elect shall cease.