

2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 59

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend section 34 of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** continuity of government (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 34 of article IV of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article IV] Section 34. The legislature, in order to ensure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency resulting from enemy action in the form of an attack a severe or prolonged, natural or human–caused, occurrence that threatens life, health, or the security of the state, shall (1) forthwith provide for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices, and (2) adopt such other measures as may be necessary and proper for attaining the objectives of this section.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

Senator Fred A. Risser President of the Senate Representative Michael J. Sheridan Speaker of the Assembly

Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk

Date