

**SB 73 – SUCCESSOR OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

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Summary: This bill changes the lieutenant governor’s succession system to a set list of successors. There will be eight commissioners from the governor’s cabinet who will be put onto this succession list. The bill also changes statute language to fit the intention of this bill. It does not remove the statute requiring a special election.

Section 1: Amends language to refer to the new subsection (b).

Section 2: Defines the succession list. The list goes as follows:

- (1) Attorney General
- (2) Commissioner of Health and Social Services
- (3) Commissioner of Education and Early Development
- (4) Commissioner of Administration
- (5) Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs
- (6) Commissioner of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- (7) Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development
- (8) Commissioner of Public Safety

This section also details if a commissioner turns down the appointment or if their seat is empty, the next person on the succession list would be the one to take whatever seat is vacated.

Section 3 & 4: Amends language to refer to the new subsection (b).

Section 5: Repeals AS 44.19.040. This section entailed the current system which required a governor to appoint one successor to the lieutenant governor.

Section 6: Effective date. This bill takes effect on December 2, 2022.