

1 IN THE SENATE

BY POLLOCK

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Ratifying a proposed amendment
6 to the Constitution of the
7 United States relating to the
8 succession to the Presidency and
9 Vice Presidency and to cases
10 where the President is unable
11 to discharge the powers and
12 duties of his office.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

14 That the following article proposed as an amendment to the
15 Constitution of the United States by the Congress of the United
16 States through the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 1, Eighty-
17 ninth Congress, First Session, is ratified:

18 "Article

19 "Section 1. In case of the removal of the President from
20 office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President
21 shall become President.

22 "Sec. 2. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of
23 the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice
24 President who shall take office upon confirmation by a ma-
25 jority vote of both Houses of Congress.

26 "Sec. 3. Whenever the President transmits to the Presi-
27 dent pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
28 of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable
29 to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until

1 he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary,
2 such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice
3 President as Acting President.

4 "Sec. 4. Whenever the Vice President and a majority of
5 either the principal officers of the executive departments
6 or of such other body as Congress may by law provide,
7 transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives their written decla-
9 ration that the President is unable to discharge the powers
10 and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immedi-
11 ately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting
12 President.

13 "Thereafter, when the President transmits to the Presi-
14 dent pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives his written declaration that no inability
16 exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office
17 unless the Vice President and a majority of either the
18 principal officers of the executive department or of such
19 other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within
20 four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives their written
22 declaration that the President is unable to discharge the
23 powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall
24 decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for
25 that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within
26 twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written decla-
27 ration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one
28 days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by
29 two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable

1 to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice
2 President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting
3 President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers
4 and duties of his office."

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be certified by the Secretary
6 of State and sent by him to the Administrator of General Services
7 with facsimile copies to be sent to the President of the United
8 States, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Repre-
9 sentatives of the United States, the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and
10 the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators from Alaska, and the
11 Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative from Alaska.

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