



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House Joint Resolution 3 (HSB 37)	House Committee:	PASSED January 25 (19-4)
Committee:	State Government	House Floor:	PASSED February 1 (81-18)
Floor Manager:	Representative Harris	Senate Floor:	PASSED April 19 (50-0)
Date:	May 11, 2023	Governor:	
Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)		

Gubernatorial Line of Succession

- Proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution that creates a line of succession for the Office of the Governor should the Governor suffer a disability, die, resign, or removed from office.
- If adopted, the proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters for ratification at the 2024 general election.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 17 of the Iowa Constitution (Lieutenant Governor to Act as Governor)

Repeals Article IV, Section 17 of the Iowa Constitution and replaces it with language to create a line of succession for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor or the Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect in the case of death, temporary disability, resignation, or removal.

The Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor if there is a disability until the disability ends.

In the case of death, resignation, or removal of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor, creating a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor. This also applies to Governor-elect and Lieutenant Governor-elect.