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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 8(b)

It is proposed that article III, section 8(b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

## Section 8: Absence or Disability of the Governor.

b) When the governor is unable to discharge the duties of his office by reason of impeachment or other disability, including but not limited to physical or mental disability, the lieutenant governor shall be acting governor. If the lieutenant governor is unavailable to serve, the order of succession to the office of acting governor shall be the same as if the governor were physically absent from the Commonwealth. If—the—person—next—in succession—to—the—governor—has—reason—to—believe—that—the—governor—is—unable to—discharge—the—duties—of—his—office—that—person—shall—inform—the—Gommon—wealth—appeals—court—or—the—United—States—District—Gourt—if—no—Gommonwealth appeals—court—has—been—created—under—section—3—of—article—IV.—The—court shall—have—original,—exclusive—and—final—jurisdiction—to—determine—all questions—regarding—disability—of—the—governor,—the—existence—of—a-vacancy in—the—office—of—governor,—and—succession—to—the—office—or—its—powers—and duties—

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