

**SB169 INTRODUCED**



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3 By Senators Orr, Sessions, Livingston, Allen (Constitutional  
4 Amendment)  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Governor is authorized to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to Section 136 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to the filling of vacancies by the Governor; to authorize the Governor to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT



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29 "Sec. 136

30 Should the office of Lieutenant Governor,  
31 attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, state  
32 treasurer, or commissioner of agriculture and industries  
33 become vacant from any cause, the governor shall fill such  
34 vacancy until the disability is removed or a successor elected  
35 and qualified. In case any of said officers shall become of  
36 unsound mind, such unsoundness shall be ascertained by the  
37 supreme court upon the suggestion of the governor."

38 Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the  
39 Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as  
40 appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional  
41 paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions:  
42 change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation  
43 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest  
44 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise  
45 internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize  
46 language; and translate effective dates.

47 END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

48 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
49 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
50 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this  
51 state. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot  
52 number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the  
53 election ballot and shall set forth the following description  
54 of the substance or subject matter of the proposed  
55 constitutional amendment:

56 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama



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57 of 2022, to authorize the Governor to appoint an individual to  
58 fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

59 Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_."

60 This description shall be followed by the following  
61 language:

62 "Yes( ) No( )."

63 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as  
64 a part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved.