

request to a law enforcement agency be given an oral statement covering only the time and place of the accident, the names and addresses of the parties involved, and a general statement as to how the accident happened without attempting to fix liability upon anyone, but said legally qualified newspaper publications shall not be given access to the hereinbefore mentioned confidential reports, nor shall any such statements or information so orally given be used as evidence in any court proceeding, but shall merely be used for the purpose of a proper publication of the news.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 680—H. F. No. 889

[Not Coded]

An act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Minnesota providing for the succession to the office of governor and for continuity of government in times of emergency caused by enemy attack; amending Article V, Section 6.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Continuity of government during emergency. In order to provide in the Constitution for succession to the office of governor in case of the death, removal, resignation, or inability of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and to authorize providing by law for the continuity of state government in emergencies caused by enemy attack in this state, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection.

Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, is amended to read:

The Lieutenant Governor shall be ex officio president of the Senate; and in case a vacancy should occur, from any cause whatever, in the office of Governor, he shall be Governor during such vacancy. The compensation of Lieutenant Governor shall be double the compensation of a State Senator. Before the close of each session of the Senate they shall elect a president pro tempore, who shall be Lieutenant Governor in case a vacancy should occur in that office. In case

the Governor shall be unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the same shall devolve on the Lieutenant Governor. The legislature may by law provide for the case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to discharge the duties of Governor and may provide by law for continuity of government in periods of emergency resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack in this state, including but not limited to, succession to the powers and duties of public office and change of the seat of government.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1960, in the manner provided by law for submission of amendments to the Constitution. The votes thereon shall be counted, canvassed, and the results proclaimed as provided by law. The ballots used at the election shall have printed thereon the following:

“Shall Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, be amended to permit provision by law for succession to the office of governor for the performance of the duties of that office in case of inability of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to discharge those duties, and for continuity of government in emergencies caused by enemy attack?

Yes

No

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 681—H. F. No. 454

[Not Coded]

An act relating to municipal courts and providing in appeals therefrom for trial by jury in certain instances; amending Special Laws 1889, Chapter 351, Section 43.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Special Laws 1889, Chapter 351, Section 43, is amended to read:

Sec. 43. **Appeals.** Any cause including actions under chapter 84 of the general statutes of 1878, may be removed