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S.B. No. 318

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the order of succession to the office of governor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 401.023(a), Government Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (a) If the governor, lieutenant governor, and president pro
7 tempore of the senate are unavailable, the following officers in
8 succeeding order shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties
9 of the office of governor:

10 (1) the speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (2) the attorney general; [and]

12 (3) the comptroller;

13 (4) the land commissioner; and

14 (5) the commissioner of agriculture [~~the chief~~
15 ~~justices of the courts of appeals, in the numerical order of the~~
16 ~~supreme judicial districts the courts serve~~].

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.