THE CONGRESS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the State of Tennessee vests in the Governor the power of appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor, which includes the power to fill the office of Governor in case of the Governor’s death, resignation, or inability to discharge the duties of the office, and the power to fill the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or removal from the office by impeachment until a successor shall be elected and qualified, and

WHEREAS: The Governor is the head of the executive department of State government and the personification of the executive branch of government; and

WHEREAS: The Governor is the constitutional officer charged with the responsibility of administering the laws of the State and representing the State within the nation and abroad; and

WHEREAS: The Governor is the State’s chief executive officer, serving as the State’s chief representative, the State’s commander in chief of the National Guard, and the State’s chief executive officer; and

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NOW THEREFORE: To preserve the office of the Vice President of the United States as an elective position, the Governor of Tennessee, under the authority vested in him by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, is hereby authorized to fill the office of Vice President of the United States for the remainder of the term of office of the Governor of Tennessee.

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE VII SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO UPDATE THE
days remaining in the semester or in the term of the Vice President, the
election will be held during the next regularly scheduled election.

5. The President may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until such time
as the election can be held. This appointment would require simple
majority approval by the Senate.

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