

STATE OF ILLINOIS
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 of the Illinois Constitution provides that elected officers of the Executive Branch hold office beginning on the second Monday in January after their election;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution, the General Assembly has the power to pass legislation calling for a special election in the case of a vacancy in or failure of an elected officer to qualify for the office of Attorney General, Comptroller, Secretary of State, or Treasurer;

WHEREAS, the person elected Comptroller will not assume the office on January 12, 2015;

WHEREAS, an emergency exists that requires immediate action by the General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution, and in conformity with the Special Session Act, 25 ILCS 15, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND CALLED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Special Session shall convene at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2015, at the State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.
2. The purpose of the Special Session shall be to consider House Bill 4576 or any other legislation, pending or otherwise, that would provide for a special election in the event of a vacancy in or the failure of an elected officer to qualify for the office of Attorney General, Comptroller, Secretary of State, or Treasurer.
3. The Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House shall take whatever reasonable steps necessary to notify the members of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this emergency Special Session.

ISSUED January 7, 2015



John J. Cullerton
President of the Senate



Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House