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The Succession Mess

In November, when President-elect Trump nominated Gov. Nikki Haley to be his ambassador to the United Nations, South Carolina's media was abuzz with talk of succession. With Haley resigning from office (assuming she's confirmed in January), Lieutenant Gov. Henry McMaster will become governor.

But who will become lieutenant governor? Originally, most in the media assumed that, at least technically, Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman was next in line. Not that anyone believed he would actually assume the role of lieutenant governor (he's far too powerful to step down to *that* level), but that's what the constitution says, right?

Well, not exactly. As *The Nerve* [reported last week](#), what the constitution actually says is that the new governor – in this case, Henry McMaster – must choose his own lieutenant. But that was a mistake, evident. Or was it? [read more>>](#)

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