

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CORONERS: Provides relative to the payment of fees for coroner's services

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5706(I) and 5715(A)(3), relative to coroner's services; to provide relative  
3 to payment of coroner's fees; to provide definitions; to provide relative to expenses  
4 for disposition of paupers in certain circumstances; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5706(I) and 5715(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5706. Fees for coroner's services

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10 I. For purposes of this Section, "municipality" shall not include municipal  
11 corporations having one thousand or fewer inhabitants.

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13 §5715. Delivery of body; disposition of paupers; anatomical gifts; kidney or eye  
14 removal; limitation of liability

15 A.

16 \* \* \*

17 (3) When a decedent's domicile or where the death occurred is a municipal  
18 corporation having one thousand or fewer inhabitants, disposition of paupers'  
19 expenses shall be paid by the parish.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Defines "municipality" for the purposes of payment for coroner's services and provides for the payment of expenses incurred in the disposition of paupers arranged by the coroners.

Present law provides that certain fees for coroner's services shall be paid by the governing authority of the parish or municipality.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a definition for municipality, which excludes present law from applying to municipal corporations of 1,000 or fewer inhabitants.

Present law provides that disposition expenses for paupers shall be paid by the parish or municipality of the decedent's domicile if located in La., or if the decedent's domicile is not in La., the parish or municipality where the death occurred.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that disposition expenses for paupers be paid by the parish if the decedent's domicile or where the death occurred is a municipal corporation having one thousand or fewer inhabitants.

(Adds R.S. 13:5706(I) and 5715(A)(3))