

Legislative Analysis



MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN SMALL COUNTIES

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House Bill 4124 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole
Committee: Local Government and Municipal Finance
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4124 would amend Public Act 181 of 1953 to loosen restrictions on who can serve as a medical examiner investigator in counties of 50,000 or less.

In cases where a body is discovered of an individual who may have died under suspicious circumstances, the county medical examiner is required to thoroughly examine the body in order to determine the cause of death. Currently under the act, the county medical examiner is allowed to appoint a medical examiner investigator to conduct the investigation in his or her stead, but the appointee must not be either of the following:

- An agent or employee of a funeral establishment (such as a funeral home).
- Directly or indirectly remunerated in connection with the disposition of the body.

HB 4124 would amend the act to allow the medical examiners of counties with a population of 50,000 or less (as determined by the most recent federal decennial census) to appoint individuals who would otherwise be disqualified by the restrictions listed above.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted into law.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal implications for state or local governmental entities.

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