

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL AND SENATOR CLAITOR

CORONERS: Provides relative to disposition expenses of certain deceased persons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5715(A)(2), relative to the payment of disposition expenses
3 of a deceased person; to provide for the payment of expenses by the coroner or the
4 state under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5715(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §5715. Delivery of body; disposition of deceased paupers; anatomical gifts; kidney
8 or eye removal; limitation of liability

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11 (2) The coroner shall arrange for the disposition of deceased paupers,
12 preferably by a Louisiana licensed funeral home. The disposition expenses shall not
13 exceed the actual cost of the service, and ~~shall be paid by the parish or municipality~~
14 ~~in which the death occurred. However, such expenses for patients or residents of any~~
15 ~~state-operated health care or treatment facility shall not be paid by the parish or~~
16 ~~municipality in which the death occurred, but shall be paid by the state. The the state~~
17 ~~or any municipality or parish may establish a maximum amount which it shall pay~~
18 for individual disposition expenses. The disposition expenses shall be paid by:

19 (a) The coroner of the parish where the decedent was domiciled, if the
20 decedent was domiciled in Louisiana at the time of his death.

