

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 137 Original

2018 Regular Session

Foil

**Abstract:** Provides for the payment of the disposition expenses of deceased paupers by the coroner of the parish of the decedent's death or domicile or by the state under certain circumstances.

Present law provides that the coroner shall arrange for the disposition of paupers, and that the disposition expenses shall not exceed the actual cost of the service.

Present law provides that the disposition expenses shall be paid by the parish or municipality in which the death occurred.

Proposed law provides that the disposition expenses shall be paid by the coroner of the parish of the decedent's domicile, if in Louisiana, and provides for payment by the coroner of the parish where the death occurred if the decedent was not domiciled in this state.

Present law provides that the expenses for patients or residents of state-operated healthcare or treatment facilities shall not be paid by the parish or municipality, but shall be paid by the state.

Proposed law retains present law but removes municipalities from the entities responsible for payment of the disposition expenses.

Present law authorizes the state or any municipality or parish to establish a maximum amount which it shall pay for individual disposition expenses.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:5715(A)(2))