

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

CORONERS: Provides relative to the qualifications for the office of coroner

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5704(B), relative to coroners; to provide relative to
3 qualifications of coroners; to provide for residency requirements; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5704(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §5704. Qualifications

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9 B. The coroner shall be a resident of the parish. ~~However, a licensed~~
10 ~~physician who is not a resident of the parish but who maintains a full-time medical~~
11 ~~practice at a principal medical office facility in the parish may qualify for and hold~~
12 ~~the office.~~ Any non-resident coroner elected prior to August 1, 2018, shall be
13 eligible to run for re-election provided the terms of office are consecutive.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows non-resident coroners elected prior to Aug. 1, 2018, to remain in office if elected in consecutive elections.

Present law requires the elected coroner to be a resident of the parish in which he is elected. However, present law authorizes non-resident licensed physicians to run for office within the parish if they maintain a full-time medical practice within the parish.

Proposed law deletes this present law exception for non-resident licensed physicians who maintain a practice within the parish, and allows non-resident coroners elected prior to Aug. 1, 2018, to run for re-election provided the terms are consecutive.

(Amends R.S. 13:5704(B))