

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

CORONERS: Authorizes a renewable tax for the operation of the coroner's office for certain parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5727, relative to coroners; to provide for funding; to provide for alternative
3 funding for coroners of certain parishes; to authorize a renewable tax; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5727 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5727. Alternative funding source for coroners

8 A. Notwithstanding any other law or jurisprudence to the contrary, the
9 governing authority of the parishes as provided by Subsection B of this Section shall
10 allow and assist any elected coroner in those parishes to seek and place on the
11 election ballot a ten year renewable tax of up to three mils of ad valorem tax revenue
12 to be paid for the sole operation of the office of the coroner, and passage of such ad
13 valorem tax shall relieve the parish from any further funding obligation. This millage
14 rate election shall be based on the budget of the coroner to provide for legislative
15 mandated services, and the population of the parish which shall yield a millage value
16 for taxation, subject to approval by a majority of the electors of the parish.

17 B. The parishes subject to this Section include: Allen Parish, Bienville
18 Parish, Cameron Parish, Caldwell Parish, Claiborne Parish, Concordia Parish,
19 DeSoto Parish, East Carroll Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Franklin Parish, Grant
20 Parish, Jackson Parish, LaSalle Parish, Lincoln Parish, Madison Parish, Morehouse

1 Parish, Plaquemines Parish, Point Coupee Parish, Red River Parish, Richland Parish,
 2 Sabine Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. James Parish, St. Landry Parish, Tensas Parish,
 3 Union Parish, Webster Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, West Feliciana Parish, and
 4 Winn Parish.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a 10-year renewable tax of up to 3 mils of ad valorem tax revenue for the coroner's office in certain parishes, if approved by the electors.

Present law (R.S. 13:5706 and 5710) provides for fees for coroner's services.

Present law (R.S. 13:5722) establishes the Coroner's Operational Fund in criminal matters.

Present law (R.S. 13:5707, 5709, 5726, 5741, and 5762) provides for additional fees or taxes for the following parishes: Caddo Parish, Lincoln Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Jefferson Parish, and Webster Parish.

Proposed law provides that in certain parishes, the parish shall allow and assist the coroner to place on the ballot a 10-year renewable tax of up to 3 mils of ad valorem tax revenue to be paid for the sole operation of the coroner's office, subject to the approval of the majority of electors in the parish.

Proposed law includes the following parishes: Allen, Bienville, Cameron, Caldwell, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Plaquemines, Point Coupee, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. James, St. Landry, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, and Winn.

(Adds R.S. 13:5727)