The original instrument was prepared by Amanda Trapp. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

## DIGEST

SB 452 Reengrossed

2024 Regular Session

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Present law provides for qualifications and duties of coroners.

Proposed law adds additional qualifications and duties of the coroner of St. Tammany Parish.

<u>Present law</u> requires the sheriff of St. Tammany Parish to receive all tax revenues collected from ad valorem tax for coroner purposes and to deposit the revenues into a special account with the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to be advanced to the coroner.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> and requires the governing authority to receive the tax revenues and to deposit the revenues into a special account to be managed by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office to transfer all funds on hand received from the tax to the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish, minus an amount determined by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Finance to allow for operations through calendar year 2024.

<u>Present law</u> requires the coroner to be responsible for all salaries and operational expenses of the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office.

<u>Present law</u> requires the coroner to receive a salary set by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish and authorizes the coroner to set the salaries for his staff.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires funding for salaries associated with the operation of the coroner's office to be paid from the special account.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish and the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office to enter into a restated cooperative endeavor agreement that includes certain provisions provided in proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:5771-5773; repeals R.S. 13:5726)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

- 1. Makes technical changes.
- 2. Deletes provision that authorizes the St. Tammany Parish Council to proceed with disciplinary action or assess fines against the coroner, if the council finds that the coroner is not acting in the best interests of the parish.

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical legislative bureau amendments.