SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 452

2024 Regular Session

McMath

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CORONERS. Provides relative to the coroner of St. Tammany Parish. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

- 1. Add expert fees and costs of investigations and audits to the funds retained by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish for costs associated with the oversight of the coroner's office.
- 2. Makes technical change.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law provides for qualifications and duties of coroners.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 taxes 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>Proposed law</u> authorizes the governing authority to retain funds for administrative fees and costs, including expert fees and costs of investigations and audits associated with its oversight authority.

<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 <u>proposed law</u>.

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

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

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