

SENATE BILL NO. 447

BY SENATOR MIZELL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5713(F) and to enact R.S. 13:5713(K), relative to coroners;
3 to provide for duties of the coroner; to provide for determinations by the attorney
4 general; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5713(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:5713(K)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5713. Duties; autopsies and investigations

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10 F. The coroner ~~or his designee shall examine all alleged victims of a sexually~~
11 ~~oriented criminal offense. The coroner may select the hospital or healthcare provider~~
12 ~~named as the lead entity for sexual assault examinations in the regional plan required~~
13 ~~by R.S. 40:1300.41 as his designee to perform the forensic medical examination.~~
14 **implement, fulfill, and comply with all obligations, duties, and requirements**
15 **imposed upon him by R.S. 40:1216.1 and by the regional sexual assault response**
16 **plan approved for the coroner's health service district pursuant thereto, which**
17 **the coroner shall annually sign to indicate his approval pursuant to R.S.**
18 **40:1216.1(E)(4).**

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20 **K. If the coroner is unable, unwilling, unqualified, or has a conflict of**
21 **interest in performing any of the duties provided for in this Section, the duty**
22 **may be performed by the coroner of an adjacent parish or parish in the same**
23 **regional health service district. The attorney general shall determine whether**
24 **a conflict exists or if the coroner is unqualified, based on all available facts and**
25 **circumstances.**

26 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
27 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____