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Present law provides that autopsy reports prepared by the coroner or his designee are public records. The coroner shall provide one copy of the autopsy report upon request by the next of kin at no charge to the next of kin.

Present law provides that the coroner shall provide copies of the autopsy report at no charge to the appropriate law enforcement agencies as requested.

Present law provides that the public records fee for any other copy of an autopsy report shall be the same as that charged by the registrar of vital records for the state for a death certificate.

Proposed law provides that autopsy reports, records, writings, and documents of any description in any way compiled, drafted or recorded in connection with an autopsy prepared by the coroner or his designee are public records.

Proposed law provides that the coroner shall provide one copy of the autopsy report, records, writings, and documents of any description in any way compiled, drafted or recorded in connection with an autopsy upon request by the parent, sibling, child, grandchild, niece, nephew, aunt or uncle at no charge.

Proposed law provides that the coroner shall provide one copy of the autopsy report, records, writings, and documents of any description in any way compiled, drafted or recorded in connection with an autopsy upon request by the next of kin if there is no surviving parent, sibling, child, grandchild, niece, nephew, aunt or uncle at no charge to the next of kin.

Proposed law provides that the coroner shall provide copies of the autopsy report, records, writings, and documents of any description in any way compiled, drafted or recorded in connection with an autopsy at no charge to the appropriate law enforcement agencies as requested. The public records fee for any other copy of an autopsy report shall be the same as that charged by the registrar of vital records for the state for a death certificate.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:5713(J))