

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

CORONERS: Provides relative to the qualifications for the office of coroner

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5704(B), relative to coroners; to provide relative to
3 qualifications of coroners; to provide for residency requirements; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5704(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §5704. Qualifications

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9 B. The coroner shall be a resident of the parish. However, a licensed
10 physician who is not a resident of the parish but ~~who maintains a~~ owns and practices
11 medicine full-time ~~medical practice~~ at a principal medical office facility in the parish
12 may qualify for and hold the office.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows certain non-resident coroners to qualify for office or remain in office.

Present law requires the elected coroner to be a resident of the parish in which he is elected. However, present law authorizes non-resident licensed physicians to run for office within the parish if they maintain a full-time medical practice within the parish.

Proposed law retains present law except it provides that a non-resident physician must own and practice medicine full-time in the parish to qualify.

(Amends R.S. 13:5704(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Authorize non-resident physicians to qualify and hold office as a coroner in a parish in which they own a medical office facility and practice medicine full-time.