

SENATE FILE NO. SF0021

Coroner requirements.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to coroners; providing authority for
2 coroners to act pursuant to joint powers agreements;
3 modifying provisions relating to the board of coroner
4 standards; amending coroner training requirements;
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-4-208, 7-4-211(b), (c)(i), (iii),
11 and (e) and 9-1-634(a) are amended to read:

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13 **7-4-208. Authority of sheriff to perform duties of**
14 **coroner.**

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1 If there is no coroner, deputy coroner or in case of their
2 absence, or inability to act, the county sheriff of the
3 same county, ~~or~~ the state health officer pursuant to W.S.
4 35-1-241, or the coroner of another county if there is a
5 joint powers agreement pursuant to W.S. 16-1-102 through
6 16-1-108 between the counties authorizing the coroner to so
7 act, is authorized to perform the duties of coroner in
8 relation to dead bodies.

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10 **7-4-211. Board of coroner standards.**

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12 (b) The members of the board shall be appointed to
13 terms of four (4) years which are concurrent with the terms
14 of the office of coroner. Board members ~~who are not elected~~
15 ~~county officers or employees of a government agency not~~
16 otherwise compensated for attending board meetings shall
17 receive travel expenses and per diem in the same manner and
18 amount as state employees, and any other reasonable
19 expenses upon board approval. Board members not otherwise
20 compensated shall have their expenses paid from the general
21 fund by appropriation to the office of the attorney
22 general.

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24 (c) The board shall:

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2 (i) Meet at least biannually and at the call of
3 the chairman or of a majority of the membership;

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5 (iii) Promulgate educational and training
6 requirements for coroner basic and continuing education
7 requirements and review those requirements annually;

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9 (e) The board shall contact the district attorney for
10 the county or the attorney general to initiate an action
11 and may serve as complaining party in an action under W.S.
12 7-4-103(b) or 18-3-902 to remove any coroner who is not in
13 compliance with W.S. 7-4-103.

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15 **9-1-634. Academy to provide coroner training;**
16 **certification of completion.**

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18 (a) The director of the Wyoming law enforcement
19 academy ~~may~~ shall provide at the academy or other location
20 within the state a basic coroner's course of at least forty
21 (40) hours. The course shall comply with standards
22 promulgated by the peace officers standards and training
23 commission and the board of coroner standards.

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1 **Section 2.** Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is
2 appropriated from the general fund to the office of the
3 attorney general for payments to the board of coroners as
4 authorized under W.S. 7-4-211(b).

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6 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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