

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0021

ENROLLED ACT NO. 37, SENATE

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2006 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

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

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

If there is no coroner, deputy coroner or in case of their absence, or inability to act, the county sheriff of the same county, ~~or~~ or the coroner of another county if there is a joint powers agreement pursuant to W.S. 16-1-102 through 16-1-108 between the counties authorizing the coroner to so act, is authorized to perform the duties of coroner in relation to dead bodies.

7-4-211. Board of coroner standards.

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

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fund by appropriation to the office of the attorney general.

(c) The board shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk