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Chapter No.: 60

Prime Sponsor: Case

Catch Title: Coroner investigations-disposition of decedent's property.

Has Report: No

Subject: Amending how property of decedents involved in coroner's cases is disposed.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law requires that, within a reasonable time after the coroner completes an investigation into a decedent's death, the coroner must turn over any property to the personal representative of the decedent or, if there is no personal representative, to the clerk of the district court in the county.
- This act provides that, instead of property being turned over to the clerk of the district court in the absence of a personal representative for the decedent, the coroner must first make a good-faith effort to contact the decedent's next-of-kin before disposing of the property.
- The act specifies that, if there is no personal representative and if no next-of-kin claims the money or property within one hundred eighty (180) days, the coroner must cause the property to be sold at public auction.
- The proceeds from the auction and any money of the decedent must first be applied to pay the expenses of burial. After that, any remaining money and proceeds exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) must be deposited and placed in the State Treasurer's custody as unclaimed property under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

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