

CHAPTER 424**(SB 159)**

AN ACT relating to coroners.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 64.185 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Coroners shall receive out of the county or urban-county treasury, whichever is appropriate, the monthly compensation the fiscal court of each county shall fix, subject to the following minimums:

| | County Population | Monthly Minimum Compensation |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| (a) | 10,000 or less | \$ 200 |
| (b) | 10,001 to 20,000 | 300 |
| (c) | 20,001 to 40,000 | 350 |
| (d) | 40,001 to 60,000 | 400 |
| (e) | 60,001 to 100,000 | 450 |
| (f) | 100,001 to 150,000 | 800 |
| (g) | 150,001 or more | 1,000 |

Coroners who hold a current certificate of continuing education, issued jointly by the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Justice Cabinet, and the Division of Kentucky State Medical Examiners Office, Justice Cabinet, shall be paid the following minimum monthly compensation set forth in this subsection in recognition of the training:

| | County Population | Monthly Minimum Compensation |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) | 10,000 or less | \$ 400 {300} |
| (b) | 10,001 to 20,000 | 500 {400} |
| (c) | 20,001 to 40,000 | 650 {550} |
| (d) | 40,001 to 60,000 | 750 {650} |
| (e) | 60,001 to 100,000 | 850 {750} |
| (f) | 100,001 to 150,000 | 1,100 {1,000} |
| (g) | 150,001 or more | 1,300 {1,200} |

- (2) Deputy coroners, who hold a current certificate of continuing education, as described in subsection (1) of this section, shall receive out of the county or urban-county treasury, whichever is appropriate, the monthly compensation the fiscal court of each county shall fix, subject to the following minimums:

| | County Population | Monthly Minimum Compensation |
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| (a) | 10,000 or less | \$ 200 {100} |
| (b) | 10,001 to 20,000 | 250 {150} |
| (c) | 20,001 to 40,000 | 275 {175} |
| (d) | 40,001 to 60,000 | 300 {200} |
| (e) | 60,001 to 100,000 | 400 {300} |
| (f) | 100,001 to 150,000 | 900 {800} |
| (g) | 150,001 or more | 1,100 {1,000} |
- (3) *The fiscal court of any county, urban-county, or charter county government, may compensate coroners and deputy coroners an additional amount of up to three hundred dollars (\$300) per month as an expense allowance.*
- (4) The initial course of continuing education required under subsection (1) of this section shall consist of a basic training course prescribed by the Justice Cabinet. Annually thereafter the coroner shall attend and successfully complete at least eighteen (18) hours of approved training in order to be compensated in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.
- ~~(5){(4)}~~ If a deputy coroner assumes the office of coroner after receiving the training stipulated in this section, the deputy coroner shall be compensated in accordance with the compensation schedule set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
- ~~(6){(5)}~~ The number of deputy coroners in a county shall not exceed one (1) for each twentyfive thousand (25,000) inhabitants, or fraction thereof, according to the most recent federal census, but every coroner may, subject to fiscal court approval, appoint two (2) deputy coroners, regardless of population.

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