



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4210

Introduced 1/22/2020, by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/4-7001

from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that fees for a coroner's or medical examiner's permit to cremate a human body is \$100 (rather than \$50). Provides that fees for a certified copy of a transcript of sworn testimony of a coroner's inquest made by written request declaring the request is for research or genealogy purposes is \$15.00 for the entire transcript. Provides that a request shall be deemed a proper request for purpose of research or genealogy if the requested inquest occurred not less than 20 years prior to the date of the written request and that the transcript shall be stamped with the words "FOR GENEALOGY OR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY". Provides that a coroner may waive, at his or her discretion, fees if the coroner determines that the person is indigent and unable to pay the permit fee or under other special circumstances as determined by the coroner.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 4-7001 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/4-7001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001)

7 Sec. 4-7001. Coroner's fees. The fees of the coroner's
8 office shall be as follows:

9 1. For a copy of a transcript of sworn testimony: \$5.00
10 per page.

11 2. For a copy of an autopsy report (if not included in
12 transcript): \$50.00.

13 3. For a copy of the verdict of a coroner's jury:
14 \$5.00.

15 4. For a copy of a toxicology report: \$25.00.

16 5. For a print of or an electronic file containing a
17 picture obtained by the coroner: actual cost or \$3.00,
18 whichever is greater.

19 6. For each copy of miscellaneous reports, including
20 artist's drawings but not including police reports: actual
21 cost or \$25.00, whichever is greater.

22 7. For a coroner's or medical examiner's permit to
23 cremate a dead human body: \$100.00 ~~\$50.00~~. ~~The coroner may~~

1 ~~waive, at his or her discretion, the permit fee if the~~
2 ~~coroner determines that the person is indigent and unable~~
3 ~~to pay the permit fee or under other special circumstances.~~

4 8. For a certified copy of a transcript of sworn
5 testimony of a coroner's inquest made by written request
6 declaring the request is for research or genealogy
7 purposes: \$15.00 for the entire transcript. A request shall
8 be deemed a proper request for purpose of research or
9 genealogy if the requested inquest occurred not less than
10 20 years prior to the date of the written request. The
11 transcript shall be stamped with the words "FOR GENEALOGY
12 OR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY".

13 The coroner may waive, at his or her discretion, fees under
14 this Section if the coroner determines that the person is
15 indigent and unable to pay the permit fee or under other
16 special circumstances as determined by the coroner.

17 All of which fees shall be certified by the court; in the
18 case of inmates of any State charitable or penal institution,
19 the fees shall be paid by the operating department or
20 commission, out of the State Treasury. The coroner shall file
21 his or her claim in probate for his or her fees and he or she
22 shall render assistance to the State's attorney in the
23 collection of such fees out of the estate of the deceased. In
24 counties of less than 1,000,000 population, the State's
25 attorney shall collect such fees out of the estate of the
26 deceased.

1 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the
2 coroner is required by law to perform any of the duties of the
3 office of the sheriff, the coroner is entitled to the like fees
4 and compensation as are allowed by law to the sheriff for the
5 performance of similar services.

6 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the
7 coroner of any county is required to travel in the performance
8 of his or her duties, he or she shall receive the same mileage
9 fees as are authorized for the sheriff of such county.

10 All fees under this Section collected by or on behalf of
11 the coroner's office shall be paid over to the county treasurer
12 and deposited into a special account in the county treasury.
13 Moneys in the special account shall be used solely for the
14 purchase of electronic and forensic identification equipment
15 or other related supplies and the operating expenses of the
16 coroner's office.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-1161, eff. 7-21-10.)