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HB3861

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-3034

from Ch. 34, par. 3-3034

Amends the Counties Code. Requires that in the event that no family can reasonably be found, a coroner must wait at least 60 days before causing a body or remains to be buried, cremated, or donated for medical science purposes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
3-3034 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-3034) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3034)

7 Sec. 3-3034. Disposition of body. After the inquest the 8 coroner may deliver the body or human remains of the deceased 9 to the family of the deceased or, if there are no family members to accept the body or the remains, then to friends of 10 the deceased, if there be any, but if not, the coroner shall 11 cause the body or the remains to be decently buried, cremated, 12 13 or donated for medical science purposes, the expenses to be 14 paid from the property of the deceased, if there is sufficient, if not, by the county. The coroner shall not cause a body or 15 remains to be buried, cremated, or donated for medical science 16 17 purposes until at least 60 days after a reasonable attempt has been made to locate the family of the deceased. The coroner may 18 19 not approve the cremation or donation of the body if it is 20 necessary to preserve the body for law enforcement purposes. If 21 the State Treasurer, pursuant to the Uniform Disposition of 22 Unclaimed Property Act, delivers human remains to the coroner, the coroner shall cause the human remains to be disposed of as 23

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1 provided in this Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1339, eff. 7-27-10.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon4 becoming law.