

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **05-0596/1**      Introduction Number **SB-22**

**Subject**  
The number of deputy coroners that a coroner may appoint

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  
 No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
     Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
     Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues       Yes       No  
     Create New Appropriations       Decrease Costs

**Local:**  
 No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate  
1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue      5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  
     Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory       Towns       Village       Cities  
2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue       Counties       Others  
     Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory       School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**  
 GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, a county coroner, within 10 days of taking office, may appoint up to six deputy coroners who are county residents.

Under this bill, a coroner may appoint an unlimited number of deputy coroners. The deputy coroners are not required to be county residents under this bill.

Under this proposed legislation, counties would be able to share deputy coroners and, as a result, county training costs for these positions may decrease. Having more deputies may result in reduced response times to calls for coroners. Deputy coroners are currently generally paid on a per diem or per call basis; as a result, costs are not likely to increase under this proposal, because the deputy coroners will be reimbursed only for actual calls. Because the number of counties that will choose to hire additional deputy coroners is not known, the fiscal effect of this bill on local governments cannot be determined.

This bill will have no fiscal effect on the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**