

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 492

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY CORONERS AND VITAL STATISTICS; AMENDING SECTION 39-252, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE FEES THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, TO PROVIDE FOR REMITTANCE OF FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT THE FEES MAY BE USED AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-622, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED COUNTY CORONERS WITHIN ONE YEAR OF TAKING OFFICE TO ATTEND A CORONER'S SCHOOL EITHER SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY THE IDAHO STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CORONERS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-2810, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY CORONERS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 39-252, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-252. FEE FOR COPIES, SEARCHES AND OTHER SERVICES -- DEATH CERTIFICATES. (1) The state registrar shall be entitled to receive a fee of ~~four~~ thirteen dollars (~~\$4~~13.00) for the making of certified copies of records or for a search of the files when no copies are made, provided that the national agency in charge of vital statistics may obtain copies or certifications of data from records without payment of fees, provided that the state incurs no expense in connection therewith. The fee shall be reviewed by the board of health and welfare, and future changes in the fee and enactment of fees for other services shall be established by ~~regulations~~ rules adopted by the board.

(2) For each certified copy of a death certificate there shall be charged an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be deposited in the state treasurer's local government investment pool, a fund hereby created for the Idaho state association of county coroners. Such moneys shall be used for the training of newly elected coroners and for the continuing education of county coroners and their deputies.

SECTION 2. That Section 34-622, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-622. ELECTION OF COUNTY CORONERS -- QUALIFICATIONS. (1) At the general election, 1986, and every four (4) years thereafter, a coroner shall be elected in every county.

(2) No person shall be elected to the office of coroner unless he has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of his election, is a citizen of the United States and shall have resided within the county one (1) year next preceding his election.

1 (3) Each candidate shall file his declaration of candidacy with the
2 county clerk.

3 (4) Each candidate who files a declaration of candidacy shall at the
4 same time pay a filing fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) which shall be deposited
5 in the county treasury.

6 (5) All newly elected or appointed county coroners shall attend a
7 coroner's school within one (1) year of taking office. Such school shall be
8 sponsored or endorsed by the Idaho state association of county coroners.

9 SECTION 3. That Chapter 28, Title 31, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and
11 designated as Section 31-2810, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 31-2810. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. After January 1, 2010,
13 each county coroner shall complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing
14 education on a biennial calendar basis. The Idaho state association of
15 county coroners shall either sponsor or provide courses pursuant to this
16 section and monitor this requirement.