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# County Coroner

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## Private Acts of 1921 Chapter 406

**SECTION 1.** That coroners in counties in this State having a population of two hundred and twenty thousand (220,000) or over by the Federal Census of 1920, or any subsequent Federal Census, shall charge and receive fees for services in executing processes placed in their hands as now provided by law, but the fees collected by them for such services shall be turned over to the Trustees of such counties for the benefit of such counties.

**SECTION 2.** That hereinafter it shall be the duty of the coroners in said counties to investigate all accidental deaths referred to them, and where, in their judgement, the facts warrant it, hold inquests over such bodies, as is now provided by law in cases of death caused by violence at the hands of other parties, and must furnish to anyone who desires the same, a certified copy or copies of such inquests for which they are to receive Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per copy, to be paid by the party to whom it is furnished, which they are to retain as part of their compensation, in addition to the salary provided herein.

**SECTION 3.** That the County Courts in said Counties be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to pay their Coroners a salary not to exceed Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$5500.00) per annum.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 570  
Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 296

**SECTION 4.** That coroners in said counties shall receive no compensation than that provided in this Act.

**SECTION 5.** That the coroners of said counties shall keep a record of all cases that may come under their jurisdiction, and said records or books to be of good material and bound.

**SECTION 6.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 21, 1921.

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