

**CORONERS**  
**Act 345 of 1919**

AN ACT to define the qualifications of coroners in counties having a population of 250,000 inhabitants and upwards; to provide for deputy coroners and assistants; to prescribe their powers and duties; to fix their compensation, or to provide for the fixing thereof; to provide a penalty for non-fulfillment of duty in such counties and to repeal all general, special and local acts contravening the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**52.111 Coroners in counties over 250,000; qualifications.**

Sec. 1. No person shall hereafter be eligible to serve as coroner or deputy coroner in and for counties having a population of 250,000 inhabitants and upwards who shall not be at the time of his election or appointment a physician or surgeon registered under the laws of the state of Michigan, and a graduate of a regularly incorporated medical college, and who shall not have practiced the profession of physician or surgeon for at least 5 years.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1364;—Am. 1941, Act 158, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942;—CL 1948, 52.111.

**52.112 Coroners in counties over 250,000; compensation.**

Sec. 2. Each of the coroners hereafter elected in any county coming within the provisions of this act, shall hereafter receive in full payment of his services as such, such sum as the board of supervisors of such counties shall determine, which sum shall not be less than \$7,500.00 per year, the same to be paid as the salaries of the other officers within and for said counties: Provided, however, That in counties having a population of 250,000 inhabitants and upwards, but not exceeding 500,000, each coroner so elected shall receive in full payment of his services as such, such sum as the board of supervisors of such county shall determine, which sum shall not be less than \$2,000.00 per year.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—Am. 1927, Act 388, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;—CL 1929, 1365;—Am. 1941, Act 158, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942;—CL 1948, 52.112.

**52.113 Coroners in counties over 250,000; disposition of fees, itemized statement.**

Sec. 3. All fees hereafter taxed and collected by said coroners or their deputies or clerks for them, shall be paid to the county treasurer on the last day of every month, and the same shall be for the use of such county and placed to the credit of the general fund. Such payment shall in all cases be accompanied by an itemized statement in writing of the coroner or his deputy of the services rendered and the fees collected and that the same is true in every particular, which statement shall be verified by the oath of the officer making the same that such statement is true.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1366;—CL 1948, 52.113.

**52.114 Coroners in counties over 250,000; deputy, appointment, powers, compensation.**

Sec. 4. Each of the said coroners shall, as soon as possible after the effective date of this amendatory act, appoint 1 deputy coroner who shall hold office during the pleasure of said appointing coroner and who shall act under the direction of the coroner appointing him and whose term of office in all cases shall expire at the expiration of the term of office of the appointing coroner. Any deputy coroner shall have power to perform any and all duties of the coroner. The salary of each deputy coroner shall be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county in a sum not less than \$2,500.00 per annum, and said salaries shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries of other county employees: Provided, however, That in counties having a population of 250,000 inhabitants and upwards, but not exceeding 500,000, the salary of each deputy coroner shall be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county in a sum not less than \$1,200.00 per annum.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1367;—Am. 1941, Act 158, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942;—CL 1948, 52.114;—Am. 1953, Act 145, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953.

**52.115 Coroners in counties over 250,000; clerks and assistants, appointment, compensation, terms.**

Sec. 5. The said coroners shall have the power to appoint 2 night clerks, 1 stenographer, 1 property clerk, 2 morgue attendants and 2 investigators, whose salaries shall be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county and said salaries shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries of other county employes. The terms of office of the foregoing employes shall in all cases expire at the expiration of the terms of office of the

coroners so appointing.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1368;—CL 1948, 52.115.

**52.116 Coroner; office hours.**

Sec. 6. The coroner's office shall be open at all times for the transaction of official business.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1369;—CL 1948, 52.116.

**52.117 Construction of act.**

Sec. 7. The provisions of this act shall apply only to counties within the state having a population of 250,000 and upwards. It is the intent of this act by general law to provide for coroners and a coroner's staff sufficient in number and ability to transact a volume of business coming within the jurisdiction of the coroner in counties having a large population.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1370;—CL 1948, 52.117.

**52.118 Violation of act; penalty.**

Sec. 8. If either of said coroners shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed 500 dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 6 months.

**History:** 1919, Act 345, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;—CL 1929, 1371;—CL 1948, 52.118.

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