

# SB1873



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/4-7001

from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the fee for a coroner's or medical examiner's permit to cremate a human body is \$100 (rather than \$50). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 4-7001 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/4-7001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001)

7 Sec. 4-7001. Coroner's fees. The fees of the coroner's  
8 office shall be as follows:

- 9 1. For a copy of a transcript of sworn testimony:  
10 \$5.00 per page.
- 11 2. For a copy of an autopsy report (if not included in  
12 transcript): \$50.00.
- 13 3. For a copy of the verdict of a coroner's jury:  
14 \$5.00.
- 15 4. For a copy of a toxicology report: \$25.00.
- 16 5. For a print of or an electronic file containing a  
17 picture obtained by the coroner: actual cost or \$3.00,  
18 whichever is greater.
- 19 6. For each copy of miscellaneous reports, including  
20 artist's drawings but not including police reports: actual  
21 cost or \$25.00, whichever is greater.
- 22 7. For a coroner's or medical examiner's permit to  
23 cremate a dead human body: \$100 ~~\$50.00~~. The coroner may

1 waive, at his or her discretion, the permit fee if the  
2 coroner determines that the person is indigent and unable  
3 to pay the permit fee or under other special  
4 circumstances.

5 All of which fees shall be certified by the court; in the  
6 case of inmates of any State charitable or penal institution,  
7 the fees shall be paid by the operating department or  
8 commission, out of the State Treasury. The coroner shall file  
9 his or her claim in probate for his or her fees and he or she  
10 shall render assistance to the State's attorney in the  
11 collection of such fees out of the estate of the deceased. In  
12 counties of less than 1,000,000 population, the State's  
13 attorney shall collect such fees out of the estate of the  
14 deceased.

15 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the  
16 coroner is required by law to perform any of the duties of the  
17 office of the sheriff, the coroner is entitled to the like fees  
18 and compensation as are allowed by law to the sheriff for the  
19 performance of similar services.

20 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the  
21 coroner of any county is required to travel in the performance  
22 of his or her duties, he or she shall receive the same mileage  
23 fees as are authorized for the sheriff of such county.

24 All fees under this Section collected by or on behalf of  
25 the coroner's office shall be paid over to the county  
26 treasurer and deposited into a special account in the county

1 treasury. Moneys in the special account shall be used solely  
2 for the purchase of electronic and forensic identification  
3 equipment or other related supplies and the operating expenses  
4 of the coroner's office.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1161, eff. 7-21-10.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.