

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 Section
5 3-3014 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-3014) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3014)

7 Sec. 3-3014. Autopsy to be performed by licensed physician;
8 costs; reports. Any medical examination or autopsy conducted
9 pursuant to this Division shall be performed by a physician
10 duly licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, and
11 wherever possible by one having special training in pathology.
12 In Class I counties, medical examinations or autopsies
13 (including those performed on exhumed bodies) shall be
14 performed by physicians appointed or designated by the coroner,
15 and in Class II counties by physicians appointed or designated
16 by the Director of Public Health upon the recommendation of the
17 advisory board on necropsy service to coroners after the board
18 has consulted with the elected coroner. Any autopsy performed
19 by a physician so appointed or designated shall be deemed
20 lawful. The cost of all autopsies, medical examinations,
21 laboratory fees, if any, and travel expenses of the examining
22 physician and the costs of exhuming a body under the authority
23 of subsection (c) of Section 3-3015 shall be payable from the
24 general fund of the county where the body is found. The
25 examining physician shall file copies of the reports or results
26 of his or her autopsies and medical examinations with the
27 coroner and also with the Department of Public Health.

28 When the law requires that an autopsy be performed on the
29 body of a person who was transported to and died in the county
30 at a trauma center, as defined in the Emergency Medical
31 Services (EMS) Systems Act, the coroner of that county may
32 charge a fee to the county from which the person was

1 transported, if that county does not have a trauma center. The
2 fee shall be \$1,000 or the cost of the autopsy, whichever is
3 less.

4 No coroner may perform any autopsy required or authorized
5 by law unless the coroner is a pathologist whose services are
6 requested by the coroner of another county.

7 (Source: P.A. 86-962; 87-317.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.