

HB 1928 -- County Coroners

Sponsor: Cooper (120)

Beginning January 1, 2009, this bill authorizes a 40% increase in the salary of county coroners in noncharter counties; increases from \$1,000 to \$2,000 the amount of a coroner's salary that will be withheld annually until the coroner completes 20 hours of educational training; and makes educational training expense reimbursement mandatory rather than discretionary. Additional compensation for services performed for three or more decedents in the same incident in one month also is made mandatory rather than discretionary.

The current salary amounts for certain classes of deputies and assistants will be the minimum allowable salaries rather than the required salaries.

All county coroners, deputy coroners, and assistants to the coroner are required to register with the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association immediately after election or appointment and must fulfill any obligations of that membership within six months.