

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
 OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4811-01
Bill No.: HB 2002
Subject: County Coroners: Courts
Type: Original
Date: March 11, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

The **Henry County Coroner** stated that this proposal would have no fiscal impact to his office.

The **Lewis County Coroner** stated that there would be no fiscal impact to the Coroner's office.

Oversight assumes no state fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes the issuance of a Coroner's warrant to a Sheriff discretionary. Under current law, a Coroner must issue a warrant to the Sheriff to summon a jury for a Coroner's inquest when a death has been caused by violence or casualty.

Under current law, jurors are responsible for determining if a person died as a result of a felony. The bill requires jurors to also determine if the felonious act was justified. Coroners are empowered to issue summons for evidence, documents, and materials of substance. The jury may view the dead body by photographic, electronic, or other means.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Lewis County Coroner
Henry County Coroner

NOT RESPONDING

The County Coroners of : Pulaski, Pemiscot, Marion, Cape Girardeau, and Lincoln Counties

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Mickey Wilson, CPA
Acting Director
March 11, 2002