



**HOUSE BILL 467:  
Cleveland County Coroner/ME  
Recommendations**

2015-2016 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 22, 2015
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rep. Hastings	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Wendy Graf Ray
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to Second Edition H467-CSSU-15		Committee Counsel

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**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 467 would provide that the elected Coroner of Cleveland County shall appoint medical examiners. It would also authorize the Coroner to appoint individuals, other than specified medical professionals, that he or she deems qualified.*

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**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 130A-382, the Chief Medical Examiner has authority to appoint one or more county medical examiners in each county for three year terms. In appointing medical examiners, the Chief Medical Examiner is required to give preference to physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State but may also appoint licensed physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, coroners, or emergency medical technician paramedics.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 467 would authorize the Coroner in Cleveland County, rather than the Chief Medical Examiner, to appoint medical examiners in Cleveland County. It would also allow appointment of individuals, other than listed medical professionals, that the Coroner deems qualified. The Coroner would still be required to give preference to physicians licensed to practice medicine.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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