



SENATE BILL 880: Abolish Caswell County Coroner.

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 880 would abolish the office of coroner in Caswell County at the end of the current term of office or upon a vacancy in that office, whichever occurs first.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 152 of the General Statutes sets out the laws relating to coroners in North Carolina, including election and vacancies in office, oaths, bonds, powers and duties.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 880 provides that the office of coroner in Caswell County is abolished. The bill further provides that Chapter 152 of the General Statutes does not apply to Caswell County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective on the earlier of a vacancy in the office of coroner in Caswell County or the expiration of the current term of office in 2016.

BACKGROUND: The state-wide medical examiner system was put into place through Session Law 1965-639. Since the late 1960s, counties have abolished the Office of the Coroner. Recently, Session Law 2010-48 abolished the Office of the Coroner in Rutherford County. There remain less than ten counties with an elected coroner.

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