

NO FISCAL IMPACT



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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Fields
Sen. Carroll

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COUNTY CORONER REVIEW COMMISSION.

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the 13-member County Coroner Review Commission. The commission shall have the following duties:

- to study the duties and responsibilities of county coroners;
- to determine whether the office of county coroner should be an elected position;
- to determine whether there should be additional qualifications required of those seeking the office of county coroner;
- to determine whether elected county coroners should undergo additional training prior to taking office;
- to study whether a medical examiner system rather than a coroner system would better serve the needs of a county;
- to study whether coroners should be elected from judicial districts rather than from counties; and
- to study any other part of the county coroner system in an effort to identify a system that comes closest to meeting the needs and expectations of the people of Colorado.

The commission will be comprised of 4 legislative members and 9 additional members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission will convene its first meeting no later than September 30, 2011, and will meet as often as necessary to perform its functions. The commission shall report its findings to the House Local Government Committee and to the Senate Local Government and Energy Committee by the first day of the 2013 legislative session.

The bill takes effect August 10, 2011, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 11, 2011, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill will not affect state or local revenue or expenditures. The bill states that members of the County Coroner Review Commission, including the four legislative members, shall serve without compensation and will not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Additionally, the bill states that the Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services shall not provide staff support to assist in the activities of the commission. Therefore, the bill is assessed at no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Local Affairs

Legislative Council Staff

Office of Legislative Legal Services