

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5687

January 25, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Hornberger and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 181, entitled

"An act relative to investigations in certain instances of the causes of death within this state due to violence, negligence or other act or omission of a criminal nature or to protect public health; to provide for the taking of statements from injured persons under certain circumstances; to abolish the office of coroner and to create the office of county medical examiner in certain counties; to prescribe the powers and duties of county medical examiners; to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and to prescribe a referendum thereon,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 52.201), as amended by 2006 PA 3.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

**1**        Sec. 1. (1) The **county** board of commissioners of each county

1 of this state shall ~~by resolution abolish the office of coroner and~~  
2 appoint a county medical examiner to hold office for a period of  
3 **not more than** 4 years. If the office of county medical examiner  
4 becomes vacant before the expiration of the term of office, the  
5 **county** board of commissioners may appoint a successor to complete  
6 the term of office. In counties with a civil service system, the  
7 appointment and tenure of the medical examiner ~~shall~~ **must** be made  
8 in accordance with the provisions of that civil service system.

9 (2) ~~County~~ **A county** medical ~~examiners shall~~ **examiner must** be  
10 ~~physicians~~ **a physician** licensed to practice within this state or,  
11 if the county does not have an accredited hospital, licensed in  
12 another state that borders the county.

13 (3) Two or more counties, by resolution of the respective  
14 **county** boards of commissioners, may enter into an agreement to  
15 employ the same ~~person~~ **individual** to act as medical examiner for  
16 all of the counties.