FINAL BILL REPORT HB 1069

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding the disposition of unclaimed remains.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander and Moeller.

House Committee on Local Government Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections

Background:

The county coroner entrusts the remains of individuals who die without plans and lack anyone to provide for the disposition of the remains to a funeral home. Entrustment of unclaimed remains is made on a rotational basis as established by the coroner in consultation with funeral home or mortuary representatives in the county (or counties) involved. The rotation plan must treat equally all funeral homes or mortuaries wishing to participate.

Summary:

The county coroner or medical examiner, using the qualified bidding process, may establish a preferred funeral home for the disposition of unclaimed remains from individuals who die without plans and lack anyone to provide for the disposition of the body.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0 Senate 47 0 Effective: July 22, 2011

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