

SB 5769-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a county legislative authority, by a majority vote, to call for an inquest to be conducted if a medical examiner unreasonably refuses to conduct an inquest in a case.

States that special consideration should be taken in conducting an inquest when a death results from interaction with law enforcement and when a death occurs during incarceration and is by unnatural means.

Requires the coroner to notify the tribe, and include them in the inquest process to the extent possible, when the deceased is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state.

Requires counties to establish funding reserves to fund inquest expenditures.

Allows a juror to submit written questions for a witness, summoned by the coroner, to the coroner or prosecuting attorney.