

1 SB265
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3 By Senators Holtzclaw and Brewbaker
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the office of coroner is
9 an elected office.

10 This bill would require each county
11 commission, at the expiration of the term of office
12 of its coroner or at the time of any vacancy in the
13 office, to respectively appoint a person to the
14 office.

15 This bill would provide for the terms of
16 office of the person appointed to serve as a
17 coroner.

18 This bill would repeal the provisions of law
19 relating to the election, terms of office, and
20 filling of vacancies of the office of coroner.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 To amend Section 17-14-1 of the Code of Alabama
27 1975, relating to elected state and county officers; to

1 require each county commission, at the expiration of the term
2 of office of its coroner or at the time of any vacancy in the
3 office, to respectively appoint a person to the office; to
4 provide for the terms of office of the person appointed to
5 serve as a coroner; and to repeal Sections 11-51-1 and
6 11-51-2, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the election, terms
7 of office, and filling of vacancies of the office of coroner.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 17-14-1 of the Code of Alabama
10 1975, is amended to read as follows:

11 "§17-14-1.

12 "(a) The following officers in this state shall be
13 elected by the qualified electors thereof: Governor,
14 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of
15 State, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries,
16 public service commissioners, senators and representatives in
17 the Legislature, Chief Justice and associate justices of the
18 Supreme Court, judges of the courts of appeals, circuit
19 courts, and district courts, district attorneys, judges of the
20 probate court, sheriffs, coroners, clerks of the circuit
21 courts, tax assessors, tax collectors, county treasurers in
22 counties of more than 56,000 population, as provided by law,
23 members of county commissions, constables, representatives in
24 Congress, United States senators, electors for President and
25 Vice President of the United States, and such other officers
26 as may be required by law to be elected by the people, when
27 not otherwise specially provided for.

1 "(b) At the expiration of the current term of office
2 of any coroner or at the time of any vacancy in the office of
3 coroner which occurs on or after the effective date of the act
4 adding this amendatory language, the office of coroner shall
5 cease to be an elected office, ad the county commission shall
6 thereafter appoint a person to the office of coroner for a
7 term of office no more than four years from the date of the
8 appointment. Any coroner appointed by the county commission
9 may be reappointed to successive terms."

10 Section 2. Sections 11-51-1 and 11-51-2, Code of
11 Alabama 1975, are repealed.

12 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.