

# HOUSE BILL No. 5039

July 6, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Casperson, Emmons, LaJoy and Marleau and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

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 2002 PA 22.

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

1           Sec. 1. (1) The board of commissioners of each county of this  
2 state shall by resolution abolish the office of coroner and appoint  
3 a county medical examiner to hold office for a period of 4 years.  
4 If the office of county medical examiner becomes vacant before the  
5 expiration of the term of office, the board of commissioners may  
6 appoint a successor to complete the term of office. In counties  
7 with a civil service system, the appointment and tenure of the

1 medical examiner shall be made in accordance with the provisions of  
2 that civil service system.

3 (2) County medical examiners shall be physicians licensed to  
4 practice within this state **OR, IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AN**  
5 **ACCREDITED HOSPITAL, LICENSED IN A STATE THAT BORDERS THIS STATE.**

6 (3) Two or more counties, by resolution of the respective  
7 boards of commissioners, may enter into an agreement to employ the  
8 same person to act as medical examiner for all of the counties.