

LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

N.J.R.S. 40:21-78

on *Duties of morgue keepers,
burial certificates for
unclaimed dead*
(Amendment)

LAWS OF 1927

CHAPTER 106

~~SENATE BILL~~

ASSEMBLY BILL 233

INTRODUCED *Feb. 7, 1927*

BY *Giuliano*

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

YES NO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

YES NO

SENATE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

YES NO

FISCAL NOTE

YES NO

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE

YES NO

HEARING

VETO

STATEMENT.

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The purpose of this act is to permit Boards of Chosen Freeholders in first class counties in their discretion to create the office of chief medical examiner in such county to discharge the duties heretofore discharged by county physicians and to make inquests at deaths heretofore required to be made by coroner's juries and to regulate the establishment of public morgues in the thickly populated first class counties. This bill affects Essex and Hudson counties, but does not become effective by its adoption by the legislature unless the boards of freeholders of such counties by resolutions put its terms in effect. It is the opinion of the county physician, the board of chosen freeholders, the prosecutor of the pleas and common pleas judges in Essex county that it is desirable to eliminate the necessity of impanelling coroner's juries in cases of suspicious or violent deaths which occur frequently in Essex county. It is thought that this power of inquest with report to the prosecutor could well be vested in the chief medical examiner under the regulations laid down under this bill. The bill also places the appointment and supervision of public morgues under the chief medical examiner and the board of chosen freeholders.

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