

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to allow coroners to issue subpoenas outside their own county and to allow special death investigators to issue subpoenas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 23-14-7 be amended to read as follows:

23-14-7. The coroner may issue subpoenas for witnesses or records, returnable forthwith or at such time and place as the coroner shall direct, and witnesses shall be allowed the same fees as in cases before a magistrate. The coroner has the same authority as a magistrate to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to punish them and jurors for contempt in disobeying the process.

Section 2. That § 23-14-18.2 be amended to read as follows:

23-14-18.2. At the request of a county coroner having jurisdiction over a dead body, or at the request of a state's attorney in deaths which may have occurred by unlawful means, the special death investigator may directly assume jurisdiction over any dead body when determination of the cause and manner of death may be in the public interest, with the same duties and responsibilities as a county coroner. With the concurrence of the county coroner, a special death investigator may issue subpoenas for witnesses or records pertaining to deaths investigated pursuant to § 23-14-18.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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