

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1371  
HOUSE BILL 2149

AN ACT TO AMEND GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 152-1 SO AS TO  
AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GASTON  
COUNTY TO APPOINT AN ASSISTANT CORONER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 152-1 is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph at the end thereof to read as follows:

"The Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to appoint some fit and suitable person to act as assistant coroner for Gaston County. The person so appointed shall hold office at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners and shall take and subscribe to the oaths prescribed for public officers. He shall also execute an undertaking conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of his office with good and sufficient surety in the penal sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) payable to the State of North Carolina and approved by the board of county commissioners. The assistant coroner shall not be employed by or employed with the coroner nor shall the assistant coroner own or hold any pecuniary interest in any business in which the coroner holds interest. The assistant coroner so appointed shall be vested with all the powers and duties conferred upon the regular coroner with respect to holding inquests over deceased bodies and shall be subject to the penalties and liabilities imposed on the coroner. He shall serve in the absence of the Coroner of Gaston County and as necessary at such times as is required by the board of county commissioners and shall receive such compensation for his services as the board of county commissioners shall determine."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall apply only to Gaston County.

**Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of April, 1974.