

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1172
HOUSE BILL 1572

AN ACT TO REESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF CORONER IN TYRRELL COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The office of coroner in Tyrrell County is hereby established. Upon the appointment of a coroner in Tyrrell County under this act, the provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Statutes shall be applicable to Tyrrell County, except that G.S. 152-1 shall not be applicable to Tyrrell County.

Sec. 2. The coroner in Tyrrell County shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Tyrrell County for a term of two years, and shall, upon qualification, hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy in the office of coroner in Tyrrell County shall be filled by the county commissioners for the remainder of the unexpired term, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Sec. 3. The term of office of the coroner first appointed under this act shall expire December 31, 1979.

Sec. 4. When the Tyrrell County coroner shall be out of Tyrrell County, or shall for any reason be unable to hold the necessary inquest as provided by law, or there is a vacancy existing in the office of coroner which has not been filled by the county commissioners and it is made to appear to the clerk of the superior court by satisfactory evidence that a deceased person whose body has been found within the county probably came to his death by the criminal act or default of some person, it is the duty of the clerk to appoint some suitable person to act as coroner in such special case.

Sec. 5. The Board of Commissioners of Tyrell County may remove from office the coroner, upon charges made in writing and after a hearing, for the following causes:

- (1) for willful or habitual neglect or refusal to perform the duties of his office;
- (2) for willful misconduct or maladministration in office;
- (3) for corruption;
- (4) upon conviction of a felony.

Sec. 6. Chapter 96, Session Laws of 1975, is repealed.

Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June, 1978.