

**331.804 Disposition of body and other property.**

1. After an investigation has been completed, including an autopsy if one is performed, the body shall be prepared for transportation. The body shall be transported by a funeral director chosen by a person authorized to control the remains of the deceased person under [section 144C.5](#), for burial or other appropriate disposition. A medical examiner shall not use influence in favor of a particular funeral director. However, if a person other than a funeral director assumes custody of a dead body, the person shall secure a burial transit permit pursuant to [section 144.32](#). If no one claims a body, it shall be disposed of as provided in [chapter 142](#).

2. If no one is entitled by law to the property or money found on a deceased person, the property shall be deposited with the clerk of the district court who shall dispose of it as provided by law.

[C51, §200; R60, §410; C73, §366; C97, §527, 532, 533; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5215, 5216; C46, 50, 54, 58, §339.19, 339.20; C62, 66, §339.10, 339.11; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §339.11, 339.12; S81, §331.804; [81 Acts, ch 117, §803](#)]

[2002 Acts, ch 1098, §4](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1051, §19, 22](#)

Referred to in [§141A.5, §144.56](#)