

**House File 305 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the qualifications of a county medical  
2 examiner.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 331.801, subsection 2, Code 2025, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. To serve as a county medical examiner, a person shall be  
4 licensed in this state as a doctor of medicine and surgery, a  
5 doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, ~~or~~ an osteopathic  
6 physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a  
7 physician assistant. The medical examiner shall be appointed  
8 by the board from lists of two or more names submitted by the  
9 medical society ~~and~~, any of its allied medical societies, or  
10 the osteopathic society of the county in which the candidate  
11 resides. If names are not submitted by either society  
12 any of these societies, the board may appoint any licensed  
13 physician, osteopathic physician and surgeon, ~~or~~ osteopathic  
14 physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician  
15 assistant of the county. If a qualified physician, advanced  
16 registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant of the  
17 county will not serve, the board may appoint a physician,  
18 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant  
19 from another county. If a county medical examiner is unable to  
20 serve in a particular case or for a period of time, the medical  
21 examiner shall promptly notify the chairperson of the board  
22 who shall designate some other qualified physician, advanced  
23 registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to serve  
24 temporarily.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to the qualifications of a person who  
29 may serve as a county medical examiner. Under current law,  
30 a licensed physician, osteopathic physician and surgeon, or  
31 osteopathic physician may be appointed by the county board of  
32 supervisors to serve as a county medical examiner. The bill  
33 includes advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician  
34 assistants to the list of medical professionals who may be  
35 appointed as a county medical examiner.