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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

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5 By: Senator Fletcher  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE STATE  
9 CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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12 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
13 STATE CRIME LABORATORY.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-306 is amended to read as follows:  
20 12-12-306. State medical examiner.

21 (a) The ~~State Crime Laboratory Board~~ Executive Director of the State  
22 Crime Laboratory shall appoint and employ a State Medical Examiner with the  
23 approval of the State Crime Laboratory Board.

24 (b) The ~~board~~ executive director may remove the examiner only for  
25 cause and with the approval of the board.  
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-314(a), concerning fees charged by  
28 the State Crime Laboratory, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) The State Crime Laboratory shall charge certain fees in an amount  
30 to be determined by the State Crime Laboratory Board, but subject to the  
31 limitations set forth in this section for certain records, reports, and  
32 consultations by laboratory physicians and analysts, and expert witness  
33 testimony provided in the trial of civil lawsuits, as follows:

34 (1) A fee shall be charged for records and reports of the  
35 laboratory in a reasonable amount to be set by the board when the request for  
36 the report shall be from other than a law enforcement or criminal justice



1 system agency;

2 (2)(A) A fee shall be charged in an amount to be set by the  
3 board for consultations, scientific or medical research, depositions, expert  
4 witness testimony, and travel to and from courts.

5 (B) The fees under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section  
6 shall be at a rate not to exceed ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)~~ two hundred  
7 twenty-five dollars (\$225) per hour or ~~six hundred dollars (\$600)~~ one  
8 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) per day and shall be levied against  
9 the requesting individual, agency, or organization for work done in civil  
10 cases in which laboratory personnel involvement results from the performance  
11 of duties and responsibilities under this subchapter; and

12 (3) A charge of up to ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ three  
13 thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each autopsy requested by non-law enforcement  
14 officials.

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