



Ohio Revised Code

Section 313.02 Qualifications for coroner - continuing education.

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(A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, to be eligible to the office of coroner, a person shall be a physician who is licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, and who is in good standing in the person's profession. For a county other than a charter county, the person also shall have been licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery for a period of at least two years immediately preceding election or appointment as coroner.

(2) Division (A)(1) of this section does not prohibit a person elected to the office of coroner who holds that office on the effective date of this amendment, but who does not meet the eligibility conditions described in that division, from doing any of the following after that date:

- (a) Continuing to hold the office of coroner of that county until the person's term of office expires;
- (b) Seeking reelection as coroner of that county for one or more subsequent terms of office and, if reelected, continuing to hold the office for the duration of any subsequent term.

(B)(1) Beginning in calendar year 2000 and in each fourth year thereafter, each newly elected coroner, after the general election but prior to commencing the term of office to which elected, shall attend and successfully complete sixteen hours of continuing education at programs sponsored by the Ohio state coroners association. Within ninety days after appointment to the office of coroner under section 305.02 of the Revised Code, the newly appointed coroner shall attend and successfully complete sixteen hours of continuing education at programs sponsored by the association. Hours of continuing education completed under the requirement described in division (B)(1) of this section shall not be counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement described in division (B)(2) of this section.

As used in division (B)(1) of this section, "newly elected coroner" means a person who did not hold



the office of coroner on the date the person was elected coroner.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, beginning in calendar year 2001, each coroner, during the coroner's four-year term, shall attend and successfully complete thirty-two hours of continuing education at programs sponsored by the Ohio state coroners association. Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, each coroner shall attend and successfully complete twenty-four of these thirty-two hours at statewide meetings, and eight of these thirty-two hours at regional meetings, sponsored by the association. The association may approve attendance at continuing education programs it does not sponsor but, if attendance is approved, successful completion of hours at these programs shall be counted toward fulfilling only the twenty-four-hour requirement described in division (B)(2) of this section.

(3) Upon successful completion of a continuing education program required by division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, the person who successfully completes the program shall receive from the association or the sponsoring organization a certificate indicating that the person successfully completed the program.