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Present law (R.S. 9:111(B)) provides that the medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on personal observation, information, or statements obtained from coroner investigators, registered nurses, physician assistants, or emergency medical technicians at the scene who are reporting from firsthand observation of the physical condition of the deceased. Provides that the time of death shall be reported as the time that the death was reported or discovered. Further provides that the name of the personnel that the coroner is relying on shall be noted on the coroner's investigative report.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on personal observation, information or statements obtained from licensed practical nurses who are reporting from firsthand observation of the physical condition of the deceased.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 9:111(B))