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Abstract: Allows the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to request a coroner in another parish or competent physician to conduct an autopsy when a coroner declines.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the coroner shall either view the body or make an investigation into the cause and manner of death in all cases involving many scenarios including but not limited to deaths in prison or while serving a sentence.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in the instance when the coroner declines a request made by the department, the department may then request a coroner in another parish to fulfill the request or a competent physician to conduct an autopsy at the expense of the department.

(Adds R.S. 13:5713(K))