South Australia

Coroners Act 1975

An Act to provide for the appointment of coroners and to confer on them powers to inquire and hold inquests into certain events; and for other purposes.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the Coroners Act 1975.

5—Certain rules excluded

The practice and procedure to be followed by a coroner with respect to an inquest are to be as prescribed by this Act and the rules under this Act and any rules of practice or procedure with respect to an inquest arising at common law or by statute of the Imperial Parliament are hereby excluded.

6—Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

body in relation to a dead person means the whole, or any part, of the body, whatever its physical state may be;

coroner means-

- (a) the State Coroner; or
- (b) a Deputy State Coroner; or
- (c) any other coroner,

appointed under Part 2;

Deputy State Coroner means a Deputy State Coroner appointed under Part 2;

legal practitioner means a legal practitioner within the meaning of the *Legal Practitioners Act 1981*;

medical practitioner means a legally qualified medical practitioner;

place includes premises or land;

the State Coroner means the State Coroner appointed under Part 2.

Note-

For definition of divisional penalties (and divisional expiation fees) see Appendix.

Part 2—Coroners

7—Appointment of State Coroner

- (1) The Governor may appoint a legal practitioner to be the State Coroner.
- (2) The State Coroner—
 - (a) is to hold office for a term, and upon conditions, determined by the Governor; and
 - (b) is to be paid a salary and allowances determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

8—Appointment of Deputy State Coroner

- (1) The Governor may appoint a legal practitioner to be a Deputy State Coroner.
- (2) A Deputy State Coroner—
 - (a) is to hold office for a term, and upon conditions, determined by the Governor; and
 - (b) is to be paid a salary and allowances determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

9—State Coroner may delegate to Deputy State Coroner

- (1) The State Coroner may delegate to a Deputy State Coroner any of his or her functions, powers or duties under this Act.
- (2) A delegation under subsection (1) is revocable at will and does not derogate from the power of the State Coroner to act in any matter.

10—Absence from office of State Coroner

- (1) Where the State Coroner is for any reason unable to discharge the duties of his or her office, the Attorney-General may direct a Deputy State Coroner to act in the office of the State Coroner during the period of the inability.
- (2) A Deputy State Coroner acting in the office of the State Coroner pursuant to subsection (1)—
 - (a) has and may exercise all the powers and functions of the State Coroner; and
 - (b) is to be paid an allowance (in addition to his or her salary) determined by the Governor.

11—Appointment of other coroners

- (1) The Governor may appoint a Justice of the Peace, or any other person, to be a coroner.
- (2) A coroner appointed under subsection (1) is to be paid such fees, if any, as are prescribed.

Part 3—Inquests

12—Jurisdiction

- (1) Subject to this Act, an inquest may be held in order to ascertain the cause or circumstances of the following events:
 - (a) the death of any person by violent, unusual or unknown cause; or
 - (b) the disappearance (from any place) of any person ordinarily resident within the State; or
 - (c) the death of a person in an aircraft during a flight or on a vessel during a voyage to a place of disembarkation in the State; or
 - (da) the death of any person where there is reason to believe that the death occurred, or the cause of death, or a possible cause of death, arose, or may have arisen, while the person was detained in custody within the State pursuant to an Act or law of the State; or
 - (db) the death of any person where there is reason to believe that the death occurred, or the cause of death, or a possible cause of death, arose, or may have arisen, while the deceased was accommodated in an institution and that the deceased was suffering from mental illness or intellectual retardation or impairment (other than mental impairment consequent on the immediate cause of death), or was dependent on the non-therapeutic use of drugs; or
 - (e) the disappearance from, or within, the State of any person; or
 - (f) a fire or accident that causes injury to person or property.
- (2) An inquest may be held into the cause of a death under subsection (1)(a) if—
 - (a) the death occurred in the State; or
 - (b) the place of death is unknown but it is reasonably possible that the death occurred in the State; or
 - (c) the body of the dead person is in the State; or
 - (d) the death was caused by an event that took place in the State, or such an event is a possible cause of death.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—

the State includes-

- (a) the sea that is within the adjacent area in respect of the State, as that area is defined in relation to the State for the purposes of the *Coastal Waters (State Powers) Act 1980* of the Commonwealth; and
- (b) the airspace that is above that sea.

13—Power of inquiry of coroners in relation to inquests

- (1) Subject to this section, a coroner may, where the coroner believes on reasonable grounds that it is necessary for the purposes of an inquest or the determination of whether or not an inquest is necessary or desirable—
 - (a) enter at any time and by force, if necessary, into or upon any place or thing, where the coroner believes there is the body of a dead person, and view the body, or issue his or her warrant authorising some other person to exercise such powers; or
 - (b) issue his or her warrant for the removal of the body of a dead person to such place as the coroner directs; or
 - (c) enter at any time and by force, if necessary, into or upon any place or thing, and inspect and remove anything in or upon that place or thing, or issue his or her warrant authorising some other person to exercise such powers; or
 - (d) with the consent of the Attorney-General, issue his or her warrant for the exhumation of the body of a dead person; or
 - (e) direct a medical practitioner to perform a post-mortem examination of the body of a dead person; or
 - (f) direct a medical practitioner, or some other person whom the coroner considers sufficiently qualified, to perform an examination or a test.
- (2) A coroner exercising a power conferred by subsection (1), or a person executing a warrant issued pursuant to that subsection, may be accompanied by such assistants as the coroner, or that person, thinks fit.
- (3) A person must not—
 - (a) hinder or obstruct a coroner exercising a power conferred by subsection (1) or a person executing a warrant issued pursuant to that subsection, or any assistant accompanying a coroner or person pursuant to subsection (2); or
 - (b) fail to comply with a direction given pursuant to this section.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a coroner may not exercise the powers conferred by that subsection in relation to—
 - (a) the disappearance from, or within, the State of any person; or
 - (b) a fire or accident that causes injury to person or property,

unless the Attorney-General directs the coroner to do so.

14—Holding of inquests by coroners

- (1) The State Coroner must hold an inquest or direct another coroner to hold an inquest if—
 - (a) the State Coroner considers it necessary or desirable to do so; or
 - (b) an inquest is required to be held under any other Act; or
 - (c) the Attorney-General directs the State Coroner to do so.

- (1a) The State Coroner must hold an inquest or direct another coroner to hold an inquest into the cause and circumstances of a death referred to in section 12(1)(da).
- (2) A coroner, other than the State Coroner, may not hold an inquest, unless the State Coroner or the Attorney-General directs the coroner to do so.

15—Restrictions upon medical practitioners

Notwithstanding any provision of this Act, where a medical practitioner has in that capacity attended a person, that medical practitioner may not—

- (a) being a coroner, hold an inquest into the death of that person; or
- (b) for the purposes of this Act, perform a post-mortem examination of the body of that person or perform any other examination or test relating to the death of that person.

16—Proceedings upon inquests

- (1) A coroner holding an inquest may for the purposes of the inquest—
 - (a) by summons signed by the coroner, require the attendance at the inquest of any person; and
 - (b) by summons signed by the coroner, require the production of any books, papers or documents; and
 - (c) inspect any books, papers or documents produced before the coroner and retain them for such reasonable period as he or she thinks fit and make copies of any of them or any of their contents; and
 - (d) require any person appearing before the coroner to make an oath or affirmation to answer truly any relevant questions put to the person by the coroner or any person appearing before the coroner; and
 - (e) require any person appearing before the coroner (whether he or she has been summoned to appear or not) to answer any relevant questions put to the person by the coroner or any person appearing before the coroner; and
 - (f) require any person to leave and remain outside the place of hearing of the inquest for such period as he or she directs; and
 - (g) give all such directions and do all such things as he or she deems necessary or expedient.
- (2) A person is not obliged to answer a question put to the person under this section, if the coroner is satisfied the answer would tend to incriminate the person, or to produce any books, papers or documents, if the coroner is satisfied their contents would tend to incriminate the person.
- (3) If any person—
 - (a) neglects or fails to comply with the requirements of a summons issued under subsection (1); or
 - (b) refuses or fails to comply with a requirement under subsection (1) of the coroner; or
 - (c) misbehaves at an inquest, wilfully insults the coroner or interrupts the inquest,

the person is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Division 6 fine or division 6 imprisonment.

- (4) The coroner may immediately dispose of proceedings for an offence against subsection (3) that occurs in the coroner's presence and on conviction of the person may issue the coroner's warrant of commitment.
- (5) If any person neglects or fails to comply with the requirements of a summons issued under subsection (1) and the coroner is satisfied the summons was duly served and there was not any reasonable excuse for the neglect or failure, the coroner may issue his or her warrant for the person to be brought before the coroner at such time and place as he or she directs for the purposes of the inquest.

17—View of body

It is not necessary for an inquest into the death of a person to be held upon view of the body of the dead person.

18—Inquests open to public

Subject to this Act, an inquest is open to the public.

19—Inquests to be held without juries

An inquest is to be held by a coroner without a jury.

20—Time and place for holding of inquests

An inquest may, subject to any rules made under this Act, be held on any day (including a Sunday) and at any time and place appointed by the coroner who is to hold the inquest.

21—Right of appearance before coroner upon inquest

- (1) Any person who in the opinion of a coroner holding an inquest has a sufficient interest in the subject or result of the inquest is entitled to appear personally or by counsel in the inquest.
- (2) A person appearing in an inquest pursuant to subsection (1) may, subject to this Act, examine and cross-examine any witness testifying in the inquest.

22-Evidence and procedure upon inquests

A coroner holding an inquest must act according to equity, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case without regard to technicalities and legal forms and is not bound by the rules of evidence but may inform himself or herself on any matter in such manner as he or she thinks fit.

23—Taking of evidence other than at inquests

- (1) A coroner holding an inquest may accept as evidence in the inquest the affidavit of any person.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a coroner may require a person who has made an affidavit referred to in that subsection to attend at the inquest.

24—Adjournment of inquests

- (1) A coroner holding an inquest may adjourn the inquest to any time and place or to a time and place to be fixed.
- (2) An adjournment pursuant to subsection (1) may, subject to any rules made under this Act, be made in such manner and upon such terms as the coroner thinks fit.
- (3) The State Coroner, or a coroner acting at the direction of the State Coroner, may continue or complete an inquest commenced by another coroner.

25—Findings of coroners upon inquests

- (1) A coroner must as soon as practicable after the completion of an inquest give his or her finding by writing in the prescribed form setting out as far as has been ascertained the cause and circumstances of the event that was the subject of the inquest.
- (2) A coroner may add to his or her finding any recommendation that might, in his or her opinion, prevent, or reduce the likelihood of, a recurrence of an event similar to the event that was the subject of the inquest.

26—Inquests and other legal proceedings

- (1) A coroner must not proceed with an inquest where a person has been charged in criminal proceedings with causing the event that is, or is to be, the subject of an inquest, unless the Attorney-General directs the coroner to do so.
- (3) A coroner holding an inquest must not in the inquest make any finding, or suggestion, of criminal or civil liability.

27—Returns by coroners

A coroner holding an inquest must after the completion of the inquest make to the Attorney-General a return in the prescribed form setting out the prescribed particulars of the inquest.

28—Re-opening of inquest

- (1) A coroner has a discretion to re-open an inquest at any time.
- (2) A coroner must, if the Attorney-General so directs, re-open an inquest.
- (3) Where an inquest is re-opened, the coroner may—
 - (a) confirm any previous finding;
 - (b) set aside any previous finding;
 - (c) make a fresh finding that appears justified by the evidence.

28A—Application to set aside findings made at inquest

- (1) The Supreme Court may, on the application of the Attorney-General or a person who has a sufficient interest in the finding made at an inquest, order that a coroner's finding be set aside.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must be made within one month after the coroner's finding at the inquest is published unless the Supreme Court, in its discretion, allows a longer time for the application.

- (3) A finding will not be set aside under this section unless the Supreme Court is of the opinion—
 - (a) that the finding is against the evidence or the weight of the evidence adduced before the coroner; or
 - (b) that it is desirable that the finding be set aside—
 - (i) because an irregularity has occurred in the proceedings or insufficient inquiry has been made; or
 - (ii) because of new evidence.
- (4) Where an application is made for an order setting aside a finding made at an inquest, the Supreme Court may (in addition to, or instead of, making such an order)—
 - (a) order that the inquest be re-opened, or that a fresh inquest be held;
 - (b) substitute any finding that appears justified;
 - (c) make such incidental or ancillary orders as it considers necessary or desirable in the circumstances of the case.
- (5) A person has a sufficient interest in the finding made at an inquest if—
 - (a) the finding affects or may affect that person's pecuniary interests; or
 - (b) the finding reflects adversely on that person's competence in his or her profession or occupation; or
 - (c) the person has, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, some other interest sufficient to ground an application under this section.

Part 4—Miscellaneous

28B—Interpretation

In this Part—

disposal of human remains means-

- (a) cremation of the remains; or
- (b) burial of the remains (including burial at sea); or
- (c) placing the remains in a mausoleum or other permanent resting place; or
- (d) placing the remains in the custody of an educational or scientific institution for the purpose of medical education or research; or
- (e) removal of the remains from the State (but not if the remains have been cremated or are taken from the State by sea and buried at sea in the course of the voyage);

human remains means the body of a dead person or a still-born child;

still-born child means a child of at least 20 weeks' gestation or, if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth, that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth but does not include the product of a procedure for the termination of pregnancy.

29—Order for removal of body for interstate inquest

The State Coroner may, where he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that an inquest will be held in another State or Territory of the Commonwealth into the death outside the State of a person whose body is within the State, issue his or her warrant for the removal of the body to that other State or Territory.

30—Authorisation for disposal of human remains

The coroner may issue an authorisation for the disposal of human remains where the coroner considers the body of a dead person is not further required for the purposes of an inquest into the death of that person.

31—Offence to fail to notify death

(1)A person knowing of, or becoming acquainted with, the finding of the body of a dead person, or the death of a person apparently by violent or unusual cause, must immediately notify a coroner, or a police officer, of that finding or death.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

(1a) If the person notifying a coroner or police officer under subsection (1) is a medical practitioner who was responsible for the medical care of the deceased or who examined the body of the deceased after death, he or she must, at the same time, notify the coroner or police officer of his or her opinion as to the cause of death.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

- It is a defence to a charge of an offence against subsection (1) if the person charged (2)proves that he or she believed on reasonable grounds that a coroner, or a police officer, was aware of the finding or death.
- A police officer must, on being notified of a finding or death pursuant to this section, (3) immediately notify a coroner of the finding or death and any information that the police officer has in relation to the matter.
- (4) Where there is reason to believe that a death occurred, or a cause of death, or a possible cause of death, arose, or may have arisen, while the deceased was detained in custody within the State pursuant to an Act or law of the State, the person having the custody of the deceased must immediately report the death, or cause the death to be reported, to a coroner.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

(5) Where there is reason to believe that a death occurred, or a cause of death, or a possible cause of death, arose, or may have arisen, while the deceased was accommodated in an institution and that the deceased was suffering from mental illness or intellectual retardation or impairment (other than mental impairment consequent on the immediate cause of death), or was dependent on the non-therapeutic use of drugs, the person in charge of the institution, or the part of the institution in which the deceased was accommodated, must immediately report the death, or cause the death to be reported, to a coroner.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

(5a) If a person dies in an aircraft during a flight or on a vessel during a voyage to a place of disembarkation in the State, the person in charge of the aircraft or vessel, as the case may be, must, immediately after the arrival of the aircraft or vessel at the place of disembarkation in the State, report the death, or cause the death to be reported, to a coroner.

Penalty: Division 6 fine.

(6) It is a defence to a charge of an offence against subsections (4), (5) or (5a) if the person charged proves that he or she believed on reasonable grounds that a coroner was aware of the death.

31A—Coroner to make finding as to cause of death

If a coroner is notified of a death under this Act or is inquiring into the cause of a death under this Act (whether in the course of an inquest or an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether or not an inquest is necessary or desirable), the coroner must make a finding as to the cause of the death.

31B—Information to be provided before disposal of remains

A person must not dispose of human remains or cause human remains to be disposed of unless he or she has received—

- (a) if the remains are to be cremated—a cremation permit issued under section 5 of the *Cremation Act 1891*;
- (b) in any other case—
 - a certificate of the cause of death, under section 36 of the *Births*, *Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996* or, if the remains are the remains of a still-born child, a doctor's certificate under section 12 of that Act; or
 - (ii) an authorisation for the disposal of human remains from the coroner.

Penalty: Division 6 fine or division 6 imprisonment.

32—Protection for coroner and persons acting in pursuance of Act

No liability attaches to a coroner or any person acting in pursuance of this Act for any act or omission by the coroner in good faith in the exercise or purported exercise of powers under this Act, or in the discharge or purported discharge of duties under this Act.

33—Summary offences

Subject to this Act, proceedings for an offence against this Act are to be disposed of summarily.

34—Moneys for the purposes of the Act

The moneys required for the purposes of this Act are to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament for those purposes.

35—Rules

(1) The State Coroner may make such rules as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Act.

- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), those rules may—
 - (a) provide for and regulate the practice and procedure to be followed in inquests; and
 - (b) regulate the exercise and performance by coroners of their powers and functions; and
 - (c) provide for and fix the fees and allowances to be paid to witnesses and to persons performing examinations and tests at the direction of a coroner.

Legislative history

Notes

- Please note—References in the legislation to other legislation or instruments or to titles of bodies or offices are not automatically updated as part of the program for the revision and publication of legislation and therefore may be obsolete.
- Earlier versions of this Act (historical versions) are listed at the end of the legislative history.
- For further information relating to the Act and subordinate legislation made under the Act see the Index of South Australian Statutes.

Repeal of Act

The Coroners Act 1975 was repealed by Sch cl 24 of the Coroners Act 2003 on 1.7.2005.

Legislation repealed by principal Act

The Coroners Act 1975 repealed the following:

Coroners Act 1935 Coroners Act Amendment Act 1952 Coroners Act Amendment Act 1969

Principal Act and amendments

Year	No	Title	Assent	Commencement
1975	28	Coroners Act 1975	27.3.1975	3.4.1975 (Gazette 3.4.1975 p1356)
1981	102	Coroners Act Amendment Act 1981	23.12.1981	23.12.1981
1985	59	Statutes Amendment (Remuneration) Act 1985	30.5.1985	13.6.1985 (Gazette 13.6.1985 p2132)
1986	56	Coroners Act Amendment Act 1986	2.10.1986	2.10.1986
1987	35	Coroners Act Amendment Act 1987	23.4.1987	23.4.1987
1988	3	Coroners Act Amendment Act 1988	10.3.1988	10.3.1988
1990	17	Coroners Act Amendment Act 1990	19.4.1990	1.1.1992 (Gazette 10.10.1991 p1039)
1996	6	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996	4.4.1996	3.6.1996 (Gazette 23.5.1996 p2534)

Provisions amended since 3 February 1976

Entries that relate to provisions that have been deleted appear in italics.

Provision	How varied	Commencement
Long title	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
Pt 1		
ss 2—4	deleted by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 5	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992

s 6 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 coroner Deputy State amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 Coroner Government deleted by 102/1981 s 2 23.12.1981 institution legal practitioner amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 the State Coroner amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 Pt 2 s 7 s 7(2) amended by 102/1981 s 3 23.12.1981 amended by 59/1985 s 5(a) 13.6.1985 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 8 s 8(2) amended by 59/1985 s 5(b) 13.6.1985 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 ss 9 and 10 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 11 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 11(2) Pt 3 s 12 s 12(1) s 12 amended by 102/1981 s 4 23.12.1981 s 12 amended and redesignated as s 12(1) by 2.10.1986 56/1986 s 2 (d) deleted by 56/1986 s 2(a) 2.10.1986 amended by 17/1990 s 3 1.1.1992 3.6.1996 amended by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 2 inserted by 56/1986 s 2(b) 2.10.1986 s 12(2) and (3) s 13 s 13(1) amended by 102/1981 s 5 23.12.1981 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 13(2) substituted by 17/1990 s 4 1.1.1992 s 13(3) amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 13(4) s 14 s 14(1) substituted by 102/1981 s 6 23.12.1981 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 14(1a) inserted by 3/1988 s 2 10.3.1988 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 14(2) s 15 amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 s 16 s 16(1) and (2) amended by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992 amended by 17/1990 s 5, Sch 1.1.1992 s 16(3) s 16(4) substituted by 17/1990 Sch 1.1.1992

s 16(5)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
ss 17—19, 21 and 22	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 23		
s 23(2)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 24		
s 24(2)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 25	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 26		
s 26(1)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 26(2)	deleted by 102/1981 s 7(a)	23.12.1981
s 26(3)	amended by 102/1981 s 7(b)	23.12.1981
	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 27	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 28	amended by 102/1981 s 8	23.12.1981
	substituted by 35/1987 s 2	23.4.1987
s 28A	inserted by 35/1987 s 2	23.4.1987
s 28A(4)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
Pt 4		
s 28B	inserted by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 3	3.6.1996
s 29	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 30	amended by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 4	3.6.1996
s 31	substituted by 17/1990 s 6	1.1.1992
s 31(1a)	inserted by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 5(a)	3.6.1996
s 31(5a)	inserted by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 5(b)	3.6.1996
s 31(6)	amended by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 5(c)	3.6.1996
ss 31A and 31B	inserted by 6/1996 Sch 2 cl 6	3.6.1996
ss 32—34	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992
s 35		
s 35(2)	amended by 17/1990 Sch	1.1.1992

Historical versions

Reprint No 1—1.7.1991 Reprint No 2—1.1.1992

Appendix—Divisional penalties and expiation fees

At the date of publication of this reprint divisional penalties and explain fees are, as provided by section 28A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1915*, as follows:

Division	Maximum imprisonment	Maximum fine	Expiation fee
1	15 years	\$60 000	
2	10 years	\$40 000	
3	7 years	\$30 000	—

Division	Maximum imprisonment	Maximum fine	Expiation fee
4	4 years	\$15 000	
5	2 years	\$8 000	
6	1 year	\$4 000	\$300
7	6 months	\$2 000	\$200
8	3 months	\$1 000	\$150
9	_	\$500	\$100
10	_	\$200	\$75
11	_	\$100	\$50
12	_	\$50	\$25

Note: This appendix is provided for convenience of reference only.