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The county legislative body is granted discretionary authority to create the office of county coroner. If such office is created, the county legislative body must elect a coroner who holds office for two years, and until a successor is qualified. However, in those counties that have a county medical examiner, the county legislative body may vest the duties of the county coroner in the county medical examiner and is not required to elect a county coroner. T.C.A. § 8-9-101.

The coroner must, before entering upon duties of that office, enter into an official bond prepared in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 19. The bond must be approved by the county legislative body, entered upon the minutes, recorded in the office of the county register of deeds and transmitted to the office of the county clerk for safekeeping. The bond must be in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars payable to the state, conditioned truly and faithfully to execute the duties of the office of coroner. The coroner, if failing to give bond within ten days after appointment, shall vacate the office. T.C.A. § 8-9-103.

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