



# Municipal Corporations Act 1882

## 1882 CHAPTER 50

### PART VIII

#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

##### *Coroner.*

**171 Appointment, fees, &c. of borough coroner in boroughs having separate quarter sessions.**

- (1) The council of a borough having a separate court of quarter sessions shall, within ten days next after receipt of the grant thereof by the council, and thenceforward from time to time, appoint a fit person, not an alderman or councillor of the borough, to be coroner of the borough; and thereafter no person other than the coroner so appointed shall take in the borough any inquisition belonging to the office of coroner.
- (2) The coroner shall hold office during good behaviour.
- (3) A vacancy in the office shall be filled up within ten days after it occurs.
- (4) The coroner shall have, by order of the recorder, remuneration as appearing in the Fourth and Fifth Schedules.

**172 Power of borough coroner to appoint a deputy.**

- (1) In case of illness or unavoidable absence, the coroner shall appoint by writing signed by him a fit person, being a barrister or solicitor, and not an alderman or councillor of the borough, to act for him as deputy coroner during his illness or unavoidable absence, but not longer or otherwise.
- (2) The mayor or two justices for the borough shall on each occasion certify by writing signed by him or them the necessity for the appointment of a deputy coroner. This certificate shall state the cause of absence of the coroner, and shall be openly read to every inquest jury summoned by the deputy coroner.

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**173 Returns by borough coroners.**

On or before the first of February in every year the coroner shall send to the Secretary of State a return in writing, in such form as the Secretary of State directs, of the particulars of each case in which the coroner or his deputy was called upon to hold an inquest during the year ending on the then last thirty-first of December.

**174 Acting of county coroner in borough.**

- (1) Where a borough has not a separate court of quarter sessions no person other than the coroner for the county or district in which the borough is situate shall take in the borough any inquisition belonging to the office of coroner.
- (2) That coroner shall, for every inquisition duly taken by him within the borough, be entitled to such rateable fees and salary as would be allowed and due to him, and to be allowed and paid in like manner, as for any other inquisition taken by him within the county or district.