

1.1 Freiberg and Quam from the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations  
1.2 to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 4242, A bill for an act relating to local government; modifying provisions  
1.4 governing disposition of decedents' personal property by coroners and medical examiners;  
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 390.225, subdivision 5; 525.393.

1.6 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.7 Page 2, line 16, delete "may" and insert "must"

1.8 Page 2, delete lines 17 to 24 and insert:

1.9 "(b) After expiration of the time period in paragraph (a), a coroner or medical examiner  
1.10 must surrender the decedent's personal property to any known blood relative of the decedent  
1.11 or to the person with the right to control disposition of the decedent's remains. If no blood  
1.12 relative of the decedent or person with the right to control disposition of the decedent's  
1.13 remains is identified by the date when the time period in paragraph (a) expires, the coroner  
1.14 or medical examiner must sell the personal property of the decedent. Revenue from the sale  
1.15 of the personal property must first be used to pay for reasonable expenses related to the  
1.16 storage and burial of the decedent's remains and the care and sale of the personal property.  
1.17 Any money remaining after reasonable expenses have been paid must be deposited in an  
1.18 account to be held for one year for future claims by a blood relative of the decedent or a  
1.19 person with the right to control disposition of the decedent's remains. Any money remaining  
1.20 in the account after the one year period has expired shall become a part of the general  
1.21 revenue of the county."

1.22 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General  
1.23 Register.

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This Committee action taken March 25, 2026

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