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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2011

HB 2011 removes the authority of the secretary of state to prosecute election crimes.

The bill amends K.S.A. 25-2435 to remove the secretary of state from the list of authorized persons to prosecute election crimes, leaving the attorney general and the appropriate district or county attorney.

The bill also amends subsection (b) to provide that if the secretary of state becomes aware of evidence of an election crime, the secretary shall promptly inform the attorney general and the appropriate district or county attorney and provide assistance in the investigation or prosecution.