AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election crimes; prosecution; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 25-2435 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 25-2435 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2435. (a) Independent authority to prosecute any person who has committed or attempted to commit any act that constitutes a Kansas elections crime defined in K.S.A. 25-1128, and amendments thereto, or article 24 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall be vested in:

(1) The district attorney or county attorney of the county where such act occurred; or

(2) the Kansas attorney general; or

(3) the Kansas secretary of state.

(b) If one of the officers listed in subsection (a) has commenced the prosecution of a person who has committed or attempted to commit any act that constitutes a Kansas election crime, the other officers listed in subsection (a) may provide assistance to the prosecuting officer but shall not commence a separate prosecution.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 25-2435 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.