

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 786

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the prosecution of election offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 115.642, to read as
3 follows:

4 115.642. 1. Any person may file a complaint with the
5 secretary of state stating the name of any person who has
6 violated any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.641 and
7 stating the facts of the alleged offense. If reasonable grounds
8 appear that the alleged offense was committed, the secretary of
9 state may issue a probable cause statement. If the secretary of
10 state issues a probable cause statement, he or she may refer the
11 offense to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

12 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 27.060,
13 56.060, or 56.430 to the contrary, the secretary of state may,
14 upon referral from a prosecuting attorney, commence and prosecute
15 election offenses as provided in sections 115.629 to 115.641.

16 3. The secretary of state may investigate any suspected
17 violation of any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to
18 115.641.