**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 786**

Missouri is about to have a new election law.

[Senate Bill 786](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22400059) was given final approval on May 12, was signed into law on July 7 and will become law on Aug. 28.

Sponsor, Sen. Will Kraus of Lee’s Summit, says his proposal would grant certain powers, only known to prosecutors, to the secretary of state…

**Kraus 1 / Runs :09 / OC: to do that.**

*“There was a situation Boone County, where nobody was willing to write the probable cause, and somebody approached the secretary of state to write the probable cause. The secretary of state said he had no authority to do that.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton mentions prosecutors were originally opposed for the right reasons…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :10 / OC: jealous of that.**

*“You appreciate and have seen in this instance our county prosecutors. They have general and original jurisdiction of matters in their county, and I think it’s fair to say that they’re fairly jealous of that.”*

Additionally, Senate Bill 786 also addresses election challengers and watchers, electronic voter registration and electronic filing with the [Missouri Ethics Commission](http://www.mec.mo.gov/).

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