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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 4836

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing the Strengthening Attorney General
1.3 Oversight of Voting and Elections (SAVE) Act; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 8.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [8.031] CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER ELECTION AND
1.7 VOTING RELATED CRIMES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Citation. This section may be cited as the "Strengthening Attorney
1.9 General Oversight of Voting and Elections Act" or "SAVE Act."

1.10 Subd. 2. Statewide jurisdiction. In any criminal proceeding in any court of this state
1.11 and in any county or part of the state, the attorney general has statewide jurisdiction to
1.12 prosecute violations of chapters 200 to 209, election administration and voting procedures;
1.13 chapter 211B, fair campaign practices; chapters 10A and 211A, campaign finance and public
1.14 disclosure; section 609.42, bribery; and 609.43, misconduct of public officials.

1.15 Subd. 3. Concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction granted by this section is concurrent
1.16 with that of the local prosecuting authority responsible for prosecuting violations in the
1.17 sections and chapters specified in subdivision 2 in the place where the violation was
1.18 committed. The jurisdiction granted to the attorney general in this section includes a grant
1.19 of all powers and authorities otherwise granted to a local prosecuting authority to investigate,
1.20 charge, and prosecute conduct prohibited by the chapters listed in subdivision 1. Nothing
1.21 in this section is intended to deprive the attorney general or any local prosecuting authority
1.22 of any power or authority already granted.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Notice to local authority.** If the attorney general begins an investigation under
2.2 this section, the attorney general shall notify the local prosecuting authority in which a
2.3 substantial part of the investigation is likely to be conducted. Failure to notify shall not
2.4 deprive the attorney general of jurisdictional authority under this section.