SENATE BILL No. 244

By Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning the attorney general; authorizing prosecution of any
crime that is part of an alleged course of criminal conduct that occurred
in two or more counties; amending K.S.A. 75-702 and repealing the
existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-702 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-

(a) The attorney general shall appear for the state, and prosecute and
defend any and all actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, in the Kansas
supreme court, the Kansas court of appeals and in all federal courts, in
which the state shall be interested or a party, and shall, when so appearing,
control the state's prosecution or defense.

(b) The attorney general shall also, when required by the governor or
either branch of the legislature, appear for the state and prosecute or
defend, in any other court or before any officer, in any cause or matter,
civil or criminal, in which this state may be a party or interested or when
the constitutionality of any law of this state is at issue and when so
directed shall seek final resolution of such issue in the supreme court of
the state of Kansas.

(c)(1) The attorney general shall have authority to prosecute any
matter related to a violation of K.S.A. 12-189 or 75-5133, and amendments
thereto, related to unlawful acts when the offender is an
officer or employee of a city or county.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attorney
general shall have concurrent authority with any county or district
attorney to prosecute any crime or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal
solicitation as defined in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 21-5301, 21-5302 or 21-5303,
and amendments thereto, of any crime that is part of an alleged course of
criminal conduct that occurred in two or more counties.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-702 is hereby repealed.

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