



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5466

LCO No. 2694



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH
ELECTIONS-RELATED CRIMES MAY BE PROSECUTED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024, and applicable to any offense*
2 *committed on or after October 1, 2024, and to any offense committed prior to*
3 *October 1, 2024, for which the statute of limitations in effect at the time of the*
4 *commission of the offense had not yet expired as of October 1, 2024, or to any*
5 *offense for which a complaint, statement or evidence concerning such offense is*
6 *referred by the State Elections Enforcement Commission to the Chief State's*
7 *Attorney on or after April 1, 2024) The Division of Criminal Justice shall*
8 initiate any prosecution of any crime or offense resulting from a referral
9 to the Chief State's Attorney by the State Elections Enforcement
10 Commission pursuant to section 9-7a or 9-7b of the general statutes, of
11 any complaint, statement or evidence bearing upon a violation of any
12 provision of chapter 149, 151 to 153, inclusive, 155, 156 or 157 of the
13 general statutes or any other provision of the general statutes pertaining
14 to or relating to any election, primary or referendum, during the period
15 of time that (1) is prescribed by section 54-193 of the general statutes; or
16 (2) begins on the date of such referral and ends six months following the

17 date of such referral, whichever period of time ends later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024, and applicable to any offense committed on or after October 1, 2024, and to any offense committed prior to October 1, 2024, for which the statute of limitations in effect at the time of the commission of the offense had not yet expired as of October 1, 2024, or to any offense for which a complaint, statement or evidence concerning such offense is referred by the State Elections Enforcement Commission to the Chief State's Attorney on or after April 1, 2024</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the prosecution of an elections-related crime during the period of time prescribed by the statute of limitations, or the period of time ending six months after the date of referral by the State Elections Enforcement Commission of a complaint, statement or evidence concerning such crime, whichever period of time ends later.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]