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HOUSE BILL NO. 216

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 105.977, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the ethics commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 105.977, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 105.977, to read as follows:

105.977. **1.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attorney general shall represent the ethics commission in all state appellate or federal appellate or supreme courts, unless the attorney general refuses to pursue such action, in which case, the ethics commission may retain competent counsel for such action.

2. Notwithstanding chapter 27 or any other provision of law to the contrary:

(1) If the attorney general declines criminal prosecution or refuses to initiate a civil case in any matter over which the ethics commission has jurisdiction, the ethics commission may prosecute the matter criminally or pursue the matter in a civil case; and

(2) The ethics commission shall have the same powers as the attorney general in any matter described under this subsection.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.