

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The attorney general has the authority to investigate and prosecute conduct under the Election Code, while district and county attorneys generally investigate conduct under the Penal Code. The statute addressing tampering with electronic voting machines is under the Penal Code.

S.B. 927 provides the attorney general with concurrent jurisdiction, with the consent of the local prosecutor, to investigate or prosecute a person for tampering with an electronic voting machine.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.05, Penal Code, by adding Subsection (f) to provide that with the consent of the appropriate local county or district attorney, the attorney general has concurrent jurisdiction with that consenting local prosecutor to investigate or prosecute an offense under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.