

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2403

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL BATTERY AS IS
3 ACCORDED THE CRIME OF RAPE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 99-1-5. A person shall not be prosecuted for any offense,
8 with the exception of murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault,
9 kidnapping, arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery,
10 larceny, rape, sexual battery, embezzlement, obtaining money or
11 property under false pretenses or by fraud, felonious abuse or
12 battery of a child as described in Section 97-5-39, touching or
13 handling a child for lustful purposes as described in Section
14 97-5-23, * * * or exploitation of children as described in Section
15 97-5-33, unless the prosecution for such offense be commenced
16 within two (2) years next after the commission thereof, but
17 nothing contained in this section shall bar any prosecution
18 against any person who shall abscond or flee from justice, or
19 shall absent himself from this state or out of the jurisdiction of
20 the court, or so conduct himself that he cannot be found by the
21 officers of the law, or that process cannot be served upon him.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after its passage.