

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2379

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THERE IS NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON OFFENSES UNDER
3 THE RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATION ACT; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 99-1-5. A person shall not be prosecuted for any offense,
9 with the exception of murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault,
10 kidnapping, arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery,
11 larceny, rape, embezzlement, obtaining money or property under
12 false pretenses or by fraud, violations of the Racketeer
13 Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, felonious abuse or
14 battery of a child as described in Section 97-5-39, touching or
15 handling a child for lustful purposes as described in Section
16 97-5-23, sexual battery of a child as described in Section
17 97-3-95(1)(c), (d) or (2) or exploitation of children as described
18 in Section 97-5-33, unless the prosecution for such offense be
19 commenced within two (2) years next after the commission thereof,
20 but nothing contained in this section shall bar any prosecution
21 against any person who shall abscond or flee from justice, or
22 shall absent himself from this state or out of the jurisdiction of
23 the court, or so conduct himself that he cannot be found by the
24 officers of the law, or that process cannot be served upon him.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2006.