

By: Representative Denton

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 15-1-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE CIVIL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR ABUSE COMMITTED
3 AGAINST A PERSON DURING SUCH PERSON'S INFANCY OR UNSOUNDNESS OF
4 MIND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 15-1-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 15-1-59. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)
9 of this section, if any person entitled to bring any of the
10 personal actions mentioned shall, at the time at which the cause
11 of action accrued, be under the disability of infancy or
12 unsoundness of mind, he may bring the actions within the times in
13 this chapter respectively limited, after his disability shall be
14 removed as provided by law. However, the saving in favor of
15 persons under disability of unsoundness of mind shall never extend
16 longer than twenty-one (21) years.

17 (2) If any person entitled to bring any personal action of
18 felonious abuse or battery of a child as described in Section
19 97-5-39, touching or handling a child for lustful purposes as



20 described in Section 97-5-23, sexual battery of a child as
21 described in Section 97-3-95(1) (c), (d) or (2), exploitation of
22 children as described in Section 97-5-33, promoting prostitution
23 under Section 97-29-51(2) when the person involved is a minor, or
24 any human trafficking offense as described in Section
25 97-3-54.1(1) (a), (1) (b) or (1) (c), 97-3-54.2 or 97-3-54.3 shall,
26 at the time at which the cause of action accrued, be under the
27 disability of infancy or unsoundness of mind, the passage of time
28 shall not limit any action.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2024.

