

**\*\*\*Adopted\*\*\***

**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 642**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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

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

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**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

25 and after July 1, 2003.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE THE TIME LIMITATION ON PROSECUTING SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST  
3 CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.