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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2122

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE CRIME OF BRIBERY OF A
3 PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO FIVE (5) YEARS TO MIRROR THE FEDERAL STATUTE;
4 AND FOR 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. The passage of time shall never bar prosecution
9 against any person for the offenses of murder, manslaughter,
10 aggravated assault, aggravated domestic violence, kidnapping,
11 arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery, larceny, rape,
12 embezzlement, obtaining money or property under false pretenses or
13 by fraud, felonious abuse or battery of a child as described in
14 Section 97-5-39, touching or handling a child for lustful purposes
15 as described in Section 97-5-23, sexual battery of a child as
16 described in Section 97-3-95(1)(c), (d) or (2), exploitation of
17 children as described in Section 97-5-33, promoting prostitution
18 under Section 97-29-51(2) when the person involved is a minor, or
19 any human trafficking offense as described in Section



20 97-3-54.1(1)(a), (1)(b) or (1)(c), Section 97-3-54.2, or Section
21 97-3-54.3. A person shall not be prosecuted for conspiracy, as
22 described in Section 97-1-1, for felonious assistance-program
23 fraud, as described in Section 97-19-71, for bribery, as described
24 in Section 97-11-11, or for felonious abuse of vulnerable persons,
25 as described in Sections 43-47-18 and 43-47-19, unless the
26 prosecution for the offense is commenced within five (5) years
27 next after the commission thereof. A person shall not be
28 prosecuted for larceny of timber as described in Section 97-17-59,
29 unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within six (6)
30 years next after the commission thereof. A person shall not be
31 prosecuted for any other offense not listed in this section unless
32 the prosecution for the offense is commenced within two (2) years
33 next after the commission thereof. Nothing contained in this
34 section shall bar any prosecution against any person who shall
35 abscond or flee from justice, or shall absent himself from this
36 state or out of the jurisdiction of the court, or so conduct
37 himself that he cannot be found by the officers of the law, or
38 that process cannot be served upon him.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2023.

