

**Replace By Substitute  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1323**

**BY: Committee**

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

5           **SECTION 1.** Section 99-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:  
7           99-1-5. (1) (a) The passage of time shall never bar  
8 prosecution against any person for the offenses of murder,  
9 manslaughter, aggravated assault, aggravated domestic violence,  
10 kidnapping, arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery,  
11 larceny, rape, embezzlement, obtaining money or property under  
12 false pretenses or by fraud, felonious abuse or battery of a child  
13 as described in Section 97-5-39, touching or handling a child for  
14 lustful purposes as described in Section 97-5-23, sexual battery



15 of a child as described in Section 97-3-95(1)(c), (d) or (2),  
16 exploitation of children as described in Section 97-5-33,  
17 promoting prostitution under Section 97-29-51(2) when the person  
18 involved is a minor, felonious abuse of vulnerable persons, as  
19 described in Sections 43-47-18 and 43-47-19 or any human  
20 trafficking offense as described in Section 97-3-54.1(1)(a),  
21 (1)(b) or (1)(c), Section 97-3-54.2, or Section 97-3-54.3 \* \* \*;  
22 or

23 (b) A person shall not be prosecuted for felonious  
24 assistance-program fraud, as described in Section 97-19-71, \* \* \*  
25 unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within five  
26 (5) years \* \* \* after the commission thereof.

27 (c) A person shall not be prosecuted for larceny of  
28 timber as described in Section 97-17-59, unless the prosecution  
29 for the offense is commenced within six (6) years \* \* \* after the  
30 commission thereof.

31 (d) The time limitation on prosecution for conspiracy,  
32 as described in Section 97-1-1, shall be the same as for the  
33 underlying offense for which the defendant is accused of  
34 conspiring to commit.

35 (e) A person shall not be prosecuted for bribery as  
36 defined in Section 97-11-11, unless the prosecution for the  
37 offense is commenced within five (5) years after the commission  
38 thereof.



39           (2) A person shall not be prosecuted for any other offense  
40 not listed in this section unless the prosecution for the offense  
41 is commenced within two (2) years \* \* \* after the commission  
42 thereof.

43           (3) Nothing contained in this section shall bar any  
44 prosecution against any person who shall abscond or flee from  
45 justice, or shall absent himself from this state or out of the  
46 jurisdiction of the court, or so conduct himself that he cannot be  
47 found by the officers of the law, or that process cannot be served  
48 upon him.

49           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

**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 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROSECUTION OF THE CRIME OF  
3 SEXUAL BATTERY OF A VULNERABLE PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

