
SENATE BILL 5006

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By Senators Nelson, Winsley, Erwin, Roach and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the statute of limitations for sexual
2 offenses committed against minors; and amending RCW 9A.04.080.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.04.080 and 1989 c 317 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Prosecutions for criminal offenses shall not be commenced after
7 the periods prescribed in this section.

8 (a) The following offenses may be prosecuted at any time after
9 their commission:

10 (i) Murder;

11 (ii) Arson if a death results.

12 (b) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than ten
13 years after their commission:

14 (i) Any felony committed by a public officer if the commission is
15 in connection with the duties of his or her office or constitutes a
16 breach of his or her public duty or a violation of the oath of office;

17 (ii) Arson if no death results.

1 (c) Violations of the following statutes shall not be prosecuted
2 more than (~~three~~) seven years after the victim's eighteenth birthday
3 or more than seven years after their commission, whichever is later:

4 (i) RCW 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, 9A.44.070,
5 9A.44.080, or 9A.44.100(1)(b); or

6 (ii) If the victim was under the age of fourteen years of age at
7 the time of the commission of the offense, RCW 9A.44.040, 9A.44.050, or
8 9A.64.020.

9 (d) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than six
10 years after their commission: Violations of RCW 9A.82.060 or
11 9A.82.080.

12 (e) The following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than five
13 years after their commission: Any class C felony under chapter 74.09
14 RCW.

15 (f) Bigamy shall not be prosecuted more than three years after the
16 time specified in RCW 9A.64.010.

17 (g) No other felony may be prosecuted more than three years after
18 its commission.

19 (h) No gross misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than two years
20 after its commission.

21 (i) No misdemeanor may be prosecuted more than one year after its
22 commission.

23 (2) The periods of limitation prescribed in subsection (1) of this
24 section do not run during any time when the person charged is not
25 usually and publicly resident within this state.

26 (3) If, before the end of a period of limitation prescribed in
27 subsection (1) of this section, an indictment has been found or a
28 complaint or an information has been filed, and the indictment,
29 complaint, or information is set aside, then the period of limitation
30 is extended by a period equal to the length of time from the finding or
31 filing to the setting aside.

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