

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides a statute of limitations of five years for certain crimes. However, crimes such as committing injury to a child and abandoning and endangering a child is only three years. This bill increases the statute of limitations from three to five years for certain crimes committed against children.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2233 increases the statute of limitations from three to five years for certain crimes committed against children.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 12.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that felony indictments may be presented within five years from the date of the commission of the offense of certain offenses, including kidnapping; injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual; and abandoning or endangering a child.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997. Provides that the change in law made by this Act does not apply to an offense if the prosecution of that offense became barred by limitation before the effective date of this Act. Provides that the prosecution of that offense remains barred as if this Act had not taken effect.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.