

1 S.165

2 Introduced by Senator Campbell

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Crimes; statute of limitations for felonies

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to eliminate the statute of limitations
7 for felony crimes.

8 An act relating to eliminating the statute of limitations for felonies

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4501 is amended to read:

11 § 4501. LIMITATION OF PROSECUTIONS FOR ~~CERTAIN~~ FELONIES

12 (a) Prosecutions for ~~aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault of~~
13 ~~a child, murder, arson causing death, and kidnapping~~ felonies may be
14 commenced at any time after the commission of the offense.

15 (b) ~~Prosecutions for manslaughter, sexual assault, lewd and lascivious~~
16 ~~conduct, sexual exploitation of children, grand larceny, robbery, burglary,~~
17 ~~embezzlement, forgery, bribery offenses, false claims, fraud under subsection~~
18 ~~141(d) of Title 33, and felony tax offenses shall be commenced within six~~
19 ~~years after the commission of the offense, and not after.~~

1 ~~(e) Prosecutions for sexual assault, lewd and lascivious conduct, sexual~~
2 ~~exploitation of a minor as defined in subsection 3258(b) of this title, and lewd~~
3 ~~or lascivious conduct with a child, alleged to have been committed against a~~
4 ~~child under 18 years of age shall be commenced within the earlier of the date~~
5 ~~the victim attains the age of 24 or 10 years from the date the offense is~~
6 ~~reported, and not after. For purposes of this subsection, an offense is reported~~
7 ~~when a report of the conduct constituting the offense is made to a law~~
8 ~~enforcement officer by the victim.~~

9 ~~(d) Prosecutions for arson shall be commenced within 11 years after the~~
10 ~~commission of the offense, and not after.~~

11 ~~(e) Prosecutions for other felonies and for misdemeanors shall be~~
12 ~~commenced within three years after the commission of the offense, and not~~
13 ~~after.~~