



## State of Tennessee

### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 836

#### SENATE BILL NO. 2084

By Norris, Campfield, Green, Kelsey, Gresham, Ford, Burks, Beavers, Crowe, Haile, Harper, Johnson, Overbey, Stevens, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2188

By Towns, McCormick, Hardaway, Gilmore, Akbari, McManus, Lundberg, Johnnie Turner, Powell, Mitchell, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to rape.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by deleting subsections (g), (h) and (i) and substituting instead the following:

(g)(1) Prosecutions for any offense committed against a child on or after July 1, 1997, that constitutes a criminal offense under § 39-17-902 shall commence no later than the date the child reaches twenty-one (21) years of age; provided, that if subsection (a) or (b) provides a longer period of time within which prosecution may be brought than this subsection (g), the applicable provision of subsection (a) or (b) shall prevail.

(2) Prosecutions for any offense committed against a child on or after July 1, 1997, but prior to June 20, 2006, that constitutes a criminal offense under §§ 39-13-502 – 39-13-505, § 39-13-522, § 39-15-302 shall commence no later than the date the child reaches twenty-one (21) years of age; provided, that if subsection (a) or (b) provides a longer period of time within which prosecution may be brought than this subsection (g), the applicable provision of subsection (a) or (b) shall prevail.

(h)(1) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offense committed against a child on or after June 20, 2006, that constitutes a criminal offense under § 39-13-504, § 39-13-505, § 39-13-527 or § 39-15-302, no later than twenty-five (25) years from the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offense committed against a child on or after June 20, 2006, but prior to July 1, 2014, that constitutes a criminal offense under § 39-13-502, § 39-13-503 or § 39-13-522 no later than twenty-five (25) years from the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

(i)(1) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offense committed against a child on or after July 1, 2007, that constitutes a criminal offense under § 39-13-532, no later than twenty-five (25) years from the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offense committed against a child on or after July 1, 2007, but prior to July 1, 2014, that constitutes a criminal offense under § 39-13-531, no later than twenty-five (25) years from the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following new subsection (l):

(l)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b), (g), (h) and (i) to the contrary, a person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for an act that constitutes the offense of aggravated rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-502, rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-503, rape of a child as prohibited by § 39-13-522 or aggravated rape of a child as prohibited by § 39-13-531 at any time after the commission of the offense if:

(A) The victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within three (3) years of the offense; and

(B) The offense is committed:

(i) On or after July 1, 2014; or

(ii) Prior to July 1, 2014, unless prosecution for the offense is barred because the applicable time limitation set out in this section for prosecution of the offense expired prior to July 1, 2014.

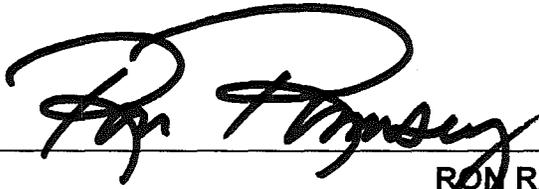
(2) If the provisions of subdivision (1) do not apply to the specified offenses, prosecution shall be commenced within the times otherwise provided by this section.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 9, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR

ADDENDUM TO SENATE BILL 2084

This bill has an effective date of April 28, 2014 in accordance with Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.