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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1488

By: Representative Williams

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(b), regarding the statute of limitations for felonies, misdemeanors, and violations, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a prosecution for another offense shall be commenced within the following periods of limitation after the offense's commission:

(1)(A) Class Y felony or Class A felony, six (6) years.

(B) However, for rape, § 5-14-103, the period of limitation is eliminated if biological evidence of the alleged perpetrator is identified that is capable of producing a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile;

(2) Class B felony, Class C felony, Class D felony, or an unclassified felony, three (3) years; ~~and~~

(3) Misdemeanor or violation, one (1) year; ~~and~~

(4) Municipal ordinance violation, one (1) year unless a different period of time not to exceed three (3) years is set by ordinance or the municipal government.

