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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 21, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1950

SENATE BILL NO. 1950 - By: CRAIN of the Senate and WINCHESTER of the House.

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2001, Section 152, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2007 (22 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 152), which relates to limitations in general; applying certain statute of limitations to certain offense; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2001, Section 152, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2007 (22 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 152), is amended to read as follows:

Section 152. A. Prosecutions for the crimes of bribery, embezzlement of public money, bonds, securities, assets or property of the state or any county, school district, municipality or other subdivision thereof, or of any misappropriation of public money, bonds, securities, assets or property of the state or any county, school district, municipality or other subdivision thereof, falsification of public records of the state or any county, school district, municipality or other subdivision thereof, and conspiracy to defraud the State of Oklahoma or any county, school district, municipality or other subdivision thereof in any manner or for any purpose shall be commenced within seven (7) years after the

1 discovery of the crime; provided, however, prosecutions for the
2 crimes of embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, bonds,
3 securities, assets or property of any school district, including
4 those relating to student activity funds, or the crime of
5 falsification of public records of any independent school district,
6 the crime of criminal conspiracy, the crime of embezzlement,
7 pursuant to Sections 1451 through 1462 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
8 Statutes, or the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult,
9 pursuant to Sections 843.1, 843.3 and 843.4 of Title 21 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes, shall be commenced within five (5) years after
11 the discovery of the crime.

12 B. Prosecutions for criminal violations of any state income tax
13 laws shall be commenced within five (5) years after the commission
14 of such violation.

15 C. 1. Prosecutions for the crime of rape or forcible sodomy,
16 sodomy, lewd or indecent proposals or acts against children,
17 involving minors in pornography pursuant to Section 886, 888, 1111,
18 1111.1, 1113, 1114, 1021.2, 1021.3 or 1123 of Title 21 of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes, ~~and~~ child abuse pursuant to Section 7115 of Title
20 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and child trafficking pursuant to
21 Section 866 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be commenced
22 within twelve (12) years after the discovery of the crime.

1 2. However, prosecutions for the crimes listed in paragraph 1
2 of this subsection may be commenced at any time after the commission
3 of the offense if:

4 a. the victim notified law enforcement within twelve (12)
5 years after the discovery of the crime,

6 b. physical evidence is collected and preserved that is
7 capable of being tested to obtain a profile from
8 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and

9 c. the identity of the offender is subsequently
10 established through the use of a DNA profile using
11 evidence listed in subparagraph b of this paragraph.

12 A prosecution under this exception must be commenced within three
13 (3) years from the date on which the identity of the suspect is
14 established by DNA testing.

15 D. Prosecutions for criminal violations of any provision of the
16 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code shall be commenced within three
17 (3) years after the commission of such offense.

18 E. Prosecutions for the crime of criminal fraud or workers'
19 compensation fraud pursuant to Section 1541.1, 1541.2, 1662 or 1663
20 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall commence within three (3)
21 years after the discovery of the crime, but in no event greater than
22 seven (7) years after the commission of the crime.

1 F. Prosecution for the crime of false or bogus check, Section
2 1541.1, 1541.2, 1541.3 or 1541.4 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
3 Statutes, shall be commenced within five (5) years after the
4 commission of such offense.

5 G. Prosecution for the crime of solicitation for murder in the
6 first degree pursuant to Section 701.16 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
7 Statutes shall be commenced within seven (7) years after the
8 discovery of the crime. For purposes of this subsection,
9 "discovery" means the date upon which the crime is made known to
10 anyone other than a person involved in the solicitation.

11 H. In all other cases a prosecution for a public offense must
12 be commenced within three (3) years after its commission.

13 I. Prosecution for the crime of accessory after the fact must
14 be commenced within the same statute of limitations as that of the
15 felony for which the person acted as an accessory.

16 J. As used in paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section,
17 "discovery" means the date that a physical or sexually related crime
18 involving a victim under the age of eighteen (18) years of age is
19 reported to a law enforcement agency, up to and including one (1)
20 year from the eighteenth birthday of the child.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-19-08 - DO
23 PASS, As Coauthored.