

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, the statute of limitations on kidnapping, injury to a child, elderly, or disabled individual, or abandoning or endangering a child is three years, a term which can cause an undue and unnecessary burden on local district attorneys in solving such cases. As proposed, S.B. 214 increases the statute of limitations from three years to five years for these felony offenses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly 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 authorize felony indictments for the commission of the offenses of kidnapping, injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual, or abandoning or endangering a child, except as provided by Article 12.03, to be presented within five years from the date of the commission of the offense, and not afterwards. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.