

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 215

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides for time limitations for prosecution of bank fraud

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 573.3, relative to time limitations for initiating  
3 prosecutions; to provide relative to time limitations in which to institute prosecution  
4 for the crime of bank fraud; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 573.3 is hereby enacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 Art. 573.3. Running of time limitations; exception; bank fraud

9 The time limitations established by Article 572 of this Code shall not  
10 commence to run as to the crime of bank fraud (R.S. 14:71.1) until the crime is  
11 discovered or should have been reasonably discovered by the victim, or is discovered  
12 or should have been reasonably discovered by any other person who has suffered a  
13 financial loss as a result of the offense, whichever discovery is later.

14 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective and retroactive  
15 application.

16 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, on June 8, 2017, whichever is earlier. If vetoed by the governor and  
18 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day  
19 following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the time limitations for prosecution of bank fraud shall not begin to run until the crime is discovered or should have been reasonably discovered by the victim or any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense, whichever is later.

Present law provides that no person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for an offense not punishable by death or life imprisonment, unless the prosecution is instituted within the following periods of time after the offense has been committed:

- (1) Six years, for a felony necessarily punishable by imprisonment at hard labor.
- (2) Four years, for a felony not necessarily punishable by imprisonment at hard labor.
- (3) Two years, for a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both.
- (4) Six months, for a misdemeanor punishable only by a fine or forfeiture.

Proposed law provides that these present law time limitations for the crime of bank fraud shall not commence to run until the crime is discovered or should have been reasonably discovered by the victim or is discovered or should have been reasonably discovered by any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense, whichever is later.

Proposed law shall apply retroactively and prospectively.

Effective upon signature of governor or on June 8, 2017, whichever is earlier.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 573.3)