

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Provides 10-year time limitation on prosecution of certain crimes committed by elected officials and public employees. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 571.2, relative to limitations on institution of
3 prosecution; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees; to extend
4 the time limitation on prosecution for certain crimes committed by elected officials
5 and public employees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 571.2 is hereby enacted to read as
8 follows:

9 Art. 571.2. Time limitation for certain offenses committed by elected officials or
10 public employees

11 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 572, the time limitation for the
12 institution of prosecution of an elected official or a public employee for the
13 following offenses when the offense was committed during the official's term in
14 office or the public employee's period of public employment shall be ten years
15 after the official's term of office during which the offense was committed ends
16 or the official otherwise leaves or vacates the office, whichever is sooner, or ten
17 years after the public employee's employment during which the offense was

1 **committed terminates:**

2 **(1) Abuse of office, R.S. 14:134.3.**

3 **(2) Bribery of a candidate, R.S. 14:1469.**

4 **(3) Bribery of voters, R.S. 18:1461.**

5 **(4) Corrupt influencing, R.S. 14:120.**

6 **(5) Malfeasance in office, R.S. 14:134.**

7 **(6) Public bribery, R.S. 14:118.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law provides time limitations on the prosecution of noncapital offenses.

Proposed law retains present law but provides a 10-year time limitation on the prosecution of the following offenses committed by an elected official while in office or by a public employee during his period of public employment:

- (1) Abuse of office.
- (2) Bribery of a candidate.
- (3) Bribery of voters.
- (4) Corrupt influencing.
- (5) Malfeasance in office.
- (6) Public bribery.

Proposed law further provides that the 10-year time limitation begins to run after the public official leaves office or the public employee's employment terminates.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 571.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Change from no time limitation to 10-year time limitation on prosecution of certain offenses committed by elected officials and public employees.