

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that an accessory after the fact may be tried and punished, notwithstanding the fact that the principal may not have been arrested, tried, convicted, or amenable to justice. Existing law further provides that an accessory after the fact will be fined up to \$500, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for up to five years, or both, but in no case will his punishment be greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the maximum sentence provided by law for a principal offender.

New law retains existing law and adds that anyone who becomes an accessory after the fact to certain sex offenses will be imprisoned in the same manner as the principal offender. New law further provides enhanced penalties for an accessory after the fact to a sex offenses as follows:

- (1) An accessory after the fact to a sex offense not punishable by life imprisonment will be sentenced to not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the minimum sentence nor more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the maximum sentence provided by law for a principal offender.
- (2) An accessory after the fact to a sex offense punishable by life imprisonment will be imprisoned at hard labor for between 10 and 50 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:25)