



2009 SENATE BILL 319

September 30, 2009 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, TAYLOR, OLSEN, SCHULTZ, ERPENBACH and COGGS, cosponsored by Representatives PARISI, SUDER, SOLETSKI, BROOKS, POPE-ROBERTS, RICHARDS, PASCH, BERCEAU, WOOD, SINICKI, BIES, ZEPNICK, A. OTT, VRUWINK, NYGREN, VAN ROY, TAUCHEN, NERISON, TURNER, HONADEL, HRAYCHUCK, A. WILLIAMS, MOLEPSKE JR., PETERSEN, BALLWEG and STONE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 893.587; and *to create* 893.587 (1) and
2 893.587 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the statute of limitations for sexual
3 contact with a child.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the time a person has to bring an action (the statute of limitations) for an injury resulting from being sexually assaulted or subject to incest as a child, or from being subject to sexual contact by a member of the clergy as a child, is any time before the injured party reaches the age of 35.

This bill removes the time limit for bringing those actions. In addition, the bill applies this unlimited time period to a broader range of actions. Under the bill, there is no limit on the time a person has to bring an action for injury resulting from being subject, as a child, to any sexual contact by an adult or by an adult member of the clergy. The bill also revives any cause of action that was barred by the present statute of limitations and allows an injured party to bring that action for his or her injury within three years after the effective date of the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 893.587 of the statutes is renumbered 893.587 (2) and amended to
5 read:

