

House Bill 653

By: Representatives Callaway of the 81st and Stuckey of the 67th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 limitations on prosecution, so as to change the statute of limitations for rape; to repeal
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 17-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limitations on
7 prosecution, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 "(a) A prosecution for murder or for rape, as defined in Code Section 16-6-1, may be
10 commenced at any time.

11 (b) Prosecution for other crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment must be
12 commenced within seven years after the commission of the crime; ~~provided, however, that~~
13 ~~prosecution for the crime of forcible rape must be commenced within 15 years after the~~
14 ~~commission of the crime."~~

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.