

Appendix C: Comparison of the Criminal Statutes of Limitation for Tennessee and its Neighboring States

	TN	AL	AR	GA	KY	MO	MS	NC	VA
First Degree Murder	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Second Degree Murder	15 Years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Rape of a Child	If reported within 3 years, no limit; if not, 15 years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Rape of an Adult	If reported within 3 years, no limit; if not, 8 years	No Limit	6 Years; but no limit if DNA evidence exists	15 Years; but no limit if DNA evidence exists	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Sexual Battery of a Child	25 years after the child turns 18	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Sexual Battery of an Adult	2 Years	No Limit	3 Years	2 years	No Limit	1 Year	2 years	No Limit	No Limit
Voluntary Manslaughter	4 Years	No Limit	3 years	4 years	No Limit	3 Years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Burglary	2 to 4 Years	5 Years	3 Years	4 Years	No Limit	3 Years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

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Robbery	4 Years	No Limit	3 years	4 Years	No Limit	3 Years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Arson	8 Years	No Limit	10 Years	4 Years	No Limit	5 Years	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

Source: TACIR staff analysis of other states’ laws on selected criminal statutes of limitations.

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