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Subject: Consultant for Study of Statute of Limitations on Felonies

In connection with this study, you may be interested in the following news article concerning the topic of the study:

### **No Statute Of Limitations For Felonies?**

Assemblyman Stan Statham, /R-Chico, has introduced a bill eliminating all statutes of limitations for felony crimes in California.

Assembly Bill 2237 will be heard in the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee Jan. 18.

Currently, California recognizes only four offenses for which there is no statute of limitations: homicide, kidnapping for ransom, embezzlement of public money and falsification of public records. A new law was recently passed extending the statute of limitations for rape from three to six years.

This article indicates the current importance of the study and, assuming that the bill is not approved by the legislative committee, the likelihood that the Legislature will be looking to the Commission for an early recommendation on the topic.

Respectfully submitted,

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