

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 410

2026 Regular Session

Morris

## KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Provides enhanced penalties for accessories after the fact to sex offenses. (8/1/26)

## SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Clarifies that anyone who becomes an accessory after the fact to certain sex offenses will be imprisoned in the same manner as the principal offender.

## DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

## DIGEST

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Present law provides that an accessory after the fact may be tried and punished, notwithstanding the fact that the principal felon may not have been arrested, tried, convicted, or amenable to justice.

Present law also provides that an accessory after the fact will be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both, provided that in no case will his punishment be greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the maximum sentence provided by law for a principal offender.

Proposed law retains present law, clarifies that anyone who becomes an accessory after the fact to certain sex offenses will be imprisoned in the same manner as the principal offender and further provides enhanced penalties for an accessory after the fact to present law 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 not less than 10 years nor more than 50 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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(Amends R.S. 14:25)

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