

# STATE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS



<u>State</u>	<u>Open Accounts</u>	<u>Notes and Contracts</u>	<u>Domestic (In State) Judgments</u>	<u>Foreign Judgments</u>
Alabama	3 years	6 years	6 years/20 years	6 years/20 years
Arizona	3 years	6 years	5 years/5 years	4 years/4 years
Arkansas	3 years	5 years	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years
California	4 years	4 years	5 years/5 years	5 years/5 years
Colorado	6 years	6 years	6 years/20 years	6 years/20 years
Connecticut	6 years	17 years (notes and 3 years contract) (P)	3 years/no limit	no limit/no limit
Delaware	3 years	6 years (3 years contract)	5 years/10 years	5 years/10 years
District of Columbia	3 years	3 years	6 years/12 years	12 years/12years (See A)
Florida	3 years	5 years (20 years contracts in writing)	20 years	7 years/7 years
Georgia	4 years	6 years	7 years/7 years (If docketed see B)	5 years/5 years
Idaho	4 years	5 years	6 years/6 years	6 years/6 years (See A)
Illinois	5 years	10 years (See O)	10 years/20 years	5 years/5 years
Indiana	6 years	10 years (See C)	20 years (See D)	20 years/20 years
Iowa	5 years	10 years	10 years/20 years	10 years/20 years
Kansas	3 years	5 years	Kept alive by execution every 5 years	
Kentucky	5 years (See S)	15 years	15 years/15 years	15 years/15 years
Louisiana	3 years	5 years	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years
Maine	6 years	6 years	6 years/20 years	6 years/20 years (See A)
Maryland	3 years	3 years	12 years/12 years	12 years/12 years
Massachusetts	6 years	6 years (See E)	20 years/20 years	20 years/20 years
Michigan	6 years	6 years	6 years/10 years	6 years/10 years
Minnesota	6 years	6 years	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years
Mississippi	3 years	6 years (See G)	7 years/7 years	7 years/7 years
Missouri	5 years	10 years	10 years/10 years (See H)	5 years/10years
Montana	5 years	8 years	5 years/10 years	5 years/10 years
Nebraska	4 years	5 years	kept alive by execution every 5 years	5 years/5 years
Nevada	4 years	6 years	6 years/6 years	6 years/6 years
New Hampshire	6 years	6 years	20 years	20 years
New Jersey	6 years	6 years	20 years	20 years
New Mexico	4 years	6 years	Kept alive by new suit begun 5 years from Judgment and before expiration of 7 years	
New York	6 years	6 years	6 years/20 years	6 years/20 years
North Carolina	3 years	3 years	7 years/10 years	7 years/10 years
North Dakota	6 years	6 years	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years
Ohio	6 years	15 years	kept alive by execution every 5 years	
Oklahoma	3 years	5 years	kept alive by execution every 5 years	1 year/1 year

Oregon	6 years	6 years	10 years	10 years
Pennsylvania	6 years	6 years	20 years (See K)	20 years
Rhode Island	6 years	6 years	20 years/20 years	20 years/20 years
South Carolina	3 years	3 years	20 years/20 years (See M)	20 years/20 years
South Dakota	6 years	6 years	20 years/20 years (See M)	10 years/10 years
Tennessee	6 years	6 years	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years
Texas	2 years	4 years	10 years if execution issued in 1 yr	10 years/10 years (See A)
Utah	4 years	6 years	8 years/8 years	8 years/8 years
Vermont	6 years	6 years (See N)	6 years/8 years	6 years/8 years
Virginia	3 years	5 years	10 years/10 years (See M)	10 years/10 years (See A)
Washington	3 years	6 years	6 years/6 years	6 years/6 years
West Virginia	5 years	10 years (See R)	10 years/10 years	10 years/10 years (See A)
Wisconsin	6 years	6 years	6 years/20 years	6 years/10 years
Wyoming	8 years	10 years	5 years/5 years (See M)	Within 5 years after debtor becomes resident of state.

- A. Not barred if enforceable where rendered but barred if by the laws of the state where judgment obtained the action would be barred.
- B. Can be revived by scire facias within three years thereafter.
- C. Contracts in writing other than for payment of money, 20 years.
- D. No lien on real estate after 10 years.
- E. Promissory notes witnessed, 20 years.
- F. Unless person against whom judgment rendered was at time of institution of action a resident of State of Mississippi, such action founded upon such judgment shall be commenced within three years next after rendition thereof.
- G. Limitation provided by statute shall not be changed by contract and any attempt to so change it shall be null and void.
- H. Judgments rendered prior to 1985 good for 20 years
- I. Action against sureties to sealed instruments, three years
- J. Scire facias cannot be maintained after 21 years
- K. Lien on real estate for only 5 years which may be revived every 5 years.
- L. Lien on bond for only 10 years which may be revived every 10 years.
- M. Excepting that when execution issues and is returned, by an officer within 1 year, other executions may issue scire facias or action be brought within 20 years.
- N. Witnessed notes good for 14 years.
- O. Contracts not directly for payment of money, barred in five years.
- P. Non negotiable note.
- Q. Oral contract except subject of book debt.
- R. A sealed instrument in equity, is not barred until after 20 years.
- S. Between merchant and consumer (2 years).