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**VENUE OF ACTION**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: D. Edgar Allen**

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; SPECIFYING JURISDICTIONS WHERE PROSECUTIONS FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE MAY BE BROUGHT.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

**76-5-412**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-5-412** is enacted to read:

**76-5-412. Venue of actions.**

Criminal actions under this part committed upon a victim younger than 18 years of age may be prosecuted in the county or district where:

- (1) the offense is alleged to have been committed;
- (2) the existence of the offense is discovered;
- (3) the victim resides; or
- (4) the defendant resides.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**