

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda--underwritten by global corporations--includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

ALEC's Corporate Board
--in recent past or present

- AT&T Services, Inc.
- centerpoint360
- UPS
- Bayer Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Energy Future Holdings
- Johnson & Johnson
- Coca-Cola Company
- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc.
- DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
- Koch Industries, Inc.
- ExxonMobil
- Verizon
- Reynolds American Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
- American Bail Coalition
- State Farm Insurance

For more on these corporations, search at www.SourceWatch.org.

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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Statute of Limitation Reduction Act

Did you know that Victor Schwartz--a lawyer who represents companies in product litigation--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

The Statute of Limitations Act provides that a plaintiff must commence a cause of action within two years of the time that he or she discovers or, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered the harm which is the subject of action. Wrongful death actions must be commenced within once year from the date of death.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Title.} This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Statute of Limitations Act.

Section 2. {Limitation period.}

(A) In any action for personal injury, illness, disease, disability, or damage to property, except as such actions are governed by the Uniform Commercial Code, the plaintiff must commence a cause of action within two years of the time that the injury, disease, disability, or death and the cause of he or she discovers or, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been discovered the harm which is the subject of the action.

(B) Any action for wrongful death must be commenced within one year from the date of death.

Section 3. {Legal disability.} The time limitations in this Act shall apply to all persons, regardless of minority or other legal disability.

Section 4. {Severability clause.}

Section 5. {Repealer clause.}

Were your laws repealed?

Section 6. {Effective date.}

ALEC's Sourcebook of American State Legislation 1995

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill would make it harder to sue corporations or individuals who negligently cause injuries, illness, or death. It requires that a lawsuit be filed within two years after an injury or illness is discovered or within one year after death occurs. (In Wisconsin, the statute of limitation is three years for both injury illness and death.) It also applies this shorter time limit to children and people with limited mental capacity.