AT-A-GLANCE:

SECURE 2.0 ACT: A PROVISIONS TIMELINE

Here is a guide of when the Secure 2.0 Act's most notable retirement plan provisions will be in effect:

SECTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024

108 – Indexing IRA catch-up limit.	120 – Exemption for certain automatic portability transactions.	314 – Penalty-free withdrawal from retirement plans for individual case of domestic abuse.	342 – Information needed for financial options risk mitigation act.
110 – Treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for matching contributions.	121 – Starter 401(k) plans for employers with no retirement plan.	316 – Amendments to increase benefit accruals under plan for previous plan year allowed until employer tax return due date.	343 – Defined benefit annual funding notices.
115 – Withdrawals for certain emergency expenses.	127 – Emergency savings accounts linked to individual account plans.	325 – Roth plan distribution rules.	350 – Safe harbor for corrections of employee elective deferral failures.
116 – Allows additional nonelective contributions to SIMPLE plans.	304 – Updating dollar limit for mandatory distributions.	327 – Surviving spouse election to be treated as employee.	602 – Hardship withdrawal rules for 403(b) plans.
117 – Contribution limit for SIMPLE plans.	310 – Application of top-heavy rules to defined contribution plans covering excludable employees.	332 – Employers allowed to replace SIMPLE retirement accounts with safe harbor 401(k) plans during a year.	603 – Elective deferrals generally limited to regular contribution limit.

SECTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025

101 – Mandating automatic enrollment for new plans.

109 – Higher catch-up limit to apply at age 60, 61, 62, and 63.

125 – Improving coverage for part -time workers.

SECTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026

334 – Long-term care contracts purchased with retirement plan distributions.

338 – Requirement to provide paper statements in certain cases.

331 – Special rules for use of retirement funds in connection with qualified federally declared disasters.

SECTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

103 – Saver's Match.

104 – Promotion of Saver's Match.

SECTIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2028

114 – Deferral of tax for certain sales of employer stock to employee stock ownership plan sponsored by S corporation.

123 – Certain securities treated as publicly traded in case of employee stock ownership plans.



The chart above is a broad overview meant as a starting point for discussion. Many of these sections have subtle nuances and exceptions. For specific questions on what they may mean for you or your organization, please reach out to us. Our experts will be glad to help.