

Second Supplement to Memorandum 2002-43

Statutes Made Obsolete by Trial Court Restructuring: Sessions

JUVENILE COURT SESSIONS

The First Supplement to Memorandum 2002-43 discusses the distinction among regular, special, and extra sessions of the superior court, and the continuing usefulness of these designations. In addition to the statutes discussed in the memorandum, there are two sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code that require “a special or separate session” of the *juvenile court* to determine whether a minor should be adjudicated a dependent child or ward. Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 345, 675.

The “special or separate session” required under Sections 345 and 675 differs from a special session of the superior court generally. The purpose of that “special session” is to require that a juvenile court adjudicatory hearing be conducted in a closed court separate from other civil or criminal matters. See *In re R.L.*, 3 Cal. App. 3d 707, 83 Cal. Rptr. 81, 85 (1969) (vacated on other grounds and appeal reinstated June 11, 1970); *People v. Allgood*, 54 Cal. App. 3d 434, 444 n.5, 126 Cal. Rptr. 666 (1976); see also Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 346, 676.

The staff does not propose any changes to the special session references in Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 345 and 675.

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