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Trial Court Unification: Publication of Legal Notice

Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission seeks public comment on its proposal to revise legal requirements calling for the publication of notice in a judicial district.

Prior to trial court unification, judicial districts were used and maintained for the purposes of judicial elections or court business. Since trial court unification, the former judicial districts have been used to circumscribe the boundaries for notice publication requirements. However, based on the Commission's research and public input, this approach is posing practical challenges.

This tentative recommendation is intended to resolve the perceived problems. Specifically, the tentative recommendation addresses the following matters:

- Redesignate the judicial districts used for publishing legal notice as "public notice districts."
- Replace "judicial district" with "public notice district" in statutes that require publication of legal notice in a judicial district.
- Require that information about the boundaries of each public notice district be maintained in a central, statewide repository.
- Designate the Judicial Council as the custodian of that information.
- Delete obsolete provisions referring to judicial districts.
- Make technical changes to the statutes addressed by this recommendation.

The tentative recommendation is available from the California Law Revision Commission, 4000 Middlefield Road, Room D-2, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4739. The tentative recommendation is also available on the Commission's website (www.clrc.ca.gov) through the pull-down "Reports" menu.

The Commission often substantially revises its recommendations in response to public comment. To receive timely consideration, comments should be submitted to the Commission by **October 31, 2014**.
