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## Trial Court Restructuring Clean-Up: Obsolete References to Marshals

### Request for Public Comment

California's trial court system was dramatically restructured around the turn of the century. As a result, hundreds of statutes became obsolete, in whole or in part.

The Law Revision Commission is responsible for reviewing the codes and recommending revisions to remove the material made obsolete by trial court restructuring. The Commission has done a vast amount of work on this topic, resulting in many bills and the revision of over 1,700 code sections, as well as a few constitutional provisions.

Further work is still necessary. One of the remaining projects focuses on marshals, the law enforcement officers who provided court security for the municipal courts before those courts were eliminated.

Numerous statutes relating to marshals have already been repealed or otherwise revised to reflect trial court restructuring. Due to the passage of time and other circumstances, however, additional material relating to marshals now appears to be obsolete.

The Commission has issued a tentative recommendation proposing statutory revisions to remove that marshal-related material from the codes. The tentative recommendation is available at [www.clrc.ca.gov/J1405.html](http://www.clrc.ca.gov/J1405.html). The proposed legislation relates to the following counties:

- Contra Costa County.
- Los Angeles County.
- Merced County.
- San Diego County.
- San Joaquin County.
- Shasta County.
- Any county with a population of at least 250,000 that has a marshal's office.

**The Commission seeks comments on its tentative recommendation.** Comments can be in any format. The Commission often substantially revises its recommendations as a result of public comment. To receive timely consideration, comments should be submitted to [bgaal@clrc.ca.gov](mailto:bgaal@clrc.ca.gov) by **August 15, 2019**.