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Trial Court Restructuring Clean-Up: Regional Justice Facilities Acts

Request for Public Comment

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

At the request of the Legislature, the Law Revision Commission has been reviewing the codes and recommending revisions to remove material made obsolete by trial court restructuring. The Commission has done extensive work on this legislative assignment over the years, but more work remains to be done.

Among other things, the codes include the following Acts:

- The San Joaquin County Regional Justice Facility Financing Act (Gov't Code §§ 26290-26293.4).
- The Orange County Regional Justice Facilities Act (Gov't Code §§ 26295-26298.58).
- The County Regional Justice Facilities Financing Act (Gov't Code §§ 26299.000-26299.083), which applies to Humboldt, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Stanislaus, and Ventura Counties.

These Acts (collectively, the "Regional Justice Facilities Acts") contain material that appears to be obsolete due to trial court restructuring. The Acts also contain legislative findings about the condition of local justice facilities from over thirty years ago, as well as other material that might be outdated.

Revising the Acts to reflect current conditions would require considerable effort and call for various policy decisions. Such an undertaking appears unnecessary, however, because outreach to the affected courts and counties revealed little interest in retaining the Regional Justice Facilities Acts, which have never been used for their intended purposes.

The Commission thus tentatively recommends that the Regional Justice Facilities Acts be repealed. They do not appear to be needed and retaining them in the codes could lead to occasional wasted efforts or confusion.

The Commission seeks comments on its tentative recommendation, which is available at www.clrc.ca.gov/J1405.html. 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 by **September 1, 2020**.