

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 epidemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in the Superior Court of California, County of Merced to operate with a limited staff of employees, and the proclamation of a state of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of Merced County. Upon the request of Presiding Judge Donald J. Proietti, it is ordered that the Superior Court of Merced County is authorized to do the following:

- Extend by not more than 30 days the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial, where the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 24, 2020 through April 28, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));
- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days in cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 24, 2020 through April 28, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)).

Date: March 18, 2020



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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council