

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 epidemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in the postponement of trials, the temporary cessation of jury services and substantial operational impediments, and the proclamation of a state of emergency by federal and state officials, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Kings. Upon the request of Presiding Judge Robert Shane Burns, it is ordered that the Superior Court of California, County of Kings, is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 18, 2020, to April 17, 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, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 18, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)); and
- Extend by not more than 30 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 18, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7)).

Date: March 18, 2020



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