


THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proclamations of a states of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of Kern County (the Court). On March 17, 2020, an Order issued at the request of Presiding Judge Judith Dulcich authorizing the Court to implement various forms of relief authorized by section 68115. Upon, the further request of Presiding Judge Dulcich, it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March 31, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8).)
- Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire March 31, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9).)
- 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 March 31, to April 15, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10).)

Date: March 19, 2020



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