

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCED
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4 GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
5 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY
6 CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

7 #2020-11

8 On March 23, 2020, the Judicial Council issued a Statewide Order by Hon.
9 Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial
10 Council which provided, in part, “The time period provided in Penal Code section
11 1382 for the holding of a criminal trial is extended for a period of sixty (60) days
12 from the date of this order.”

13 On April 1, 2020, this Court issued General Order 2020-04 which, among
14 other things provided: “That the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal
15 Code for the holding of a criminal trial is extended by not more than 60 days from
16 the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired.” That
17 order was filed by this Court on April 2, 2020.

18 On April 29, 2020, the Judicial Council issued a Statewide Order by Hon.
19 Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial
20 Council which, among other things, extended the time in which to conduct a
21 criminal trial under Penal Code section 1382 and additional 30 days.

22 On May 19, 2020, the Judicial Council issued a Statewide Order by Hon.
23 Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial
24 Council granted a request by Donald J. Proietti, Presiding Judge of the Merced
25 Superior Court to further extend the deadlines previously extended, therefore this
26 court issues the following orders:
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- 1 1. The authority to hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in
2 correctional and juvenile detention facilities, previously granted through
3 May 12, 2020 is extended from May 13, 2020 through June 10, 2020.
- 4 2. The declaration that March 23, 2020 through May 12, 2020, inclusive be
5 deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Welfare and
6 Institutions Code section 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, is extended
7 for the period May 13, 2020 through June 10, 2020.
- 8 3. The time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code within which a
9 trial must be held an additional 30 days to not more than 120 days in cases
10 were the initial statutory deadline would otherwise expire from March 16,
11 2020 to June 15, 2020, inclusive.
- 12 4. The period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
13 within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings
14 must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days in cases
15 where the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from March 23, 2020 to
16 June 10, 2020.
- 17 5. The period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
18 within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings
19 must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days in cases
20 where the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from March 23, 2020 to
21 June 10, 2020.
- 22 6. The period provided in section 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions
23 Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship
24 proceedings and charged with a felony must be given a detention hearing to
25 not more than seven (7) days in cases where the statutory deadline would
26 otherwise expire from March 23, 2020 to June 10, 2020.
- 27 7. The period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
28 within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by

1 not more that fifteen (15) days in cases where the statutory deadline would
2 otherwise expire from March 23, 2020 to June 10, 2020.

- 3 8. The period provided in section 667 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
4 within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a
5 felony offense must be held by not more the fifteen (15) days in cases where
6 the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from March 23, 2020 to June
7 10, 2020.

8 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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10 Dated: May 20, 2020

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13 Hon. Donald J. Proietti, Presiding Judge