

**Introduced by Senator Block
(Coauthor: Senator Correa)**

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An act to amend Section 784.7 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal jurisdiction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 939, as introduced, Block. Criminal jurisdiction.

Existing law defines human trafficking as the deprivation of the personal liberty of another person with the intent to effect a violation of certain specified sex crimes, to obtain forced labor or services, or to cause a minor to engage in a commercial sex act with the intent to effect a violation of certain specified sex crimes. Existing law requires, when more than one violation of certain specified provisions of law occurs in more than one jurisdictional territory, that jurisdiction for any of those offenses is in any jurisdiction where at least one of the offenses occurred if all district attorneys in counties with jurisdiction of the offenses agree to the venue.

This bill would include human trafficking, pimping, and pandering to the specified offenses to which the above jurisdictional requirements apply.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 784.7 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

1 784.7. (a) ~~When~~*If* more than one violation of Section 220,
2 except assault with intent to commit mayhem, 261, 262, 264.1,
3 269, 286, 288, 288a, 288.5, or 289 occurs in more than one
4 jurisdictional territory, the jurisdiction of any of those offenses,
5 and for any offenses properly joinable with that offense, is in any
6 jurisdiction where at least one of the offenses occurred, subject to
7 a hearing, pursuant to Section 954, within the jurisdiction of the
8 proposed trial. At the Section 954 hearing, the prosecution shall
9 present evidence in writing that all district attorneys in counties
10 with jurisdiction of the offenses agree to the venue. Charged
11 offenses from jurisdictions where there is no written agreement
12 from the district attorney shall be returned to that jurisdiction.

13 (b)
14 ~~When~~*If* more than one violation of Section 273a, 273.5, or 646.9
15 occurs in more than one jurisdictional territory, and the defendant
16 and the victim are the same for all of the offenses, the jurisdiction
17 of any of those offenses and for any offenses properly joinable
18 with that offense, is in any jurisdiction where at least one of the
19 offenses occurred.

20 (c) *If more than one violation of Section 236.1, 266h, or 266i*
21 *occurs in more than one jurisdictional territory, the jurisdiction*
22 *of any of those offenses, and for any offenses properly joinable*
23 *with that offense, is in any jurisdiction where at least one of the*
24 *offenses occurred, subject to a hearing pursuant to Section 954,*
25 *within the jurisdiction of the proposed trial. At the Section 954*
26 *hearing, the prosecution shall present evidence in writing that all*
27 *district attorneys in counties with jurisdiction of the offenses agree*
28 *to the venue. Charged offenses from jurisdictions where there is*
29 *no written agreement from the district attorney shall be returned*
30 *to that jurisdiction.*