

Introduced by Senator Jackson

January 27, 2016

An act to add Section 219 to the Family Code, relating to family law.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 917, as introduced, Jackson. Family law: court orders.

Existing law authorizes a court to issue orders relating to matters under the Family Code, including, among others, restraining orders and orders for child support.

This bill would require a court, at the conclusion of a hearing conducted pursuant to the Family Code, to provide each party who is present at the hearing with a written order setting forth the basic terms of any orders that were made at the hearing. The bill would also require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2017, to adopt a rule of court to implement these provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 219 is added to the Family Code, to read:
- 2 219. (a) At the conclusion of a hearing conducted pursuant to
- 3 this code, the court shall provide each party who is present at the
- 4 hearing with a written order setting forth the basic terms of any
- 5 orders that were made at the hearing. A minute order setting forth
- 6 the basic terms of the order, duly filed and signed by the judicial
- 7 officer, is sufficient for purposes of this section.
- 8 (b) This section does not require the court to prepare or provide
- 9 a judgment of dissolution, legal separation, nullity, or parentage.

1 (c) This section is not intended to impact the law governing
2 statements of decisions.

3 (d) This section does not preclude the court from accepting
4 proposed orders or stipulations for orders from the parties or
5 counsel at the time of the hearing. The court may, after providing
6 the order described in subdivision (a), permit parties or counsel to
7 submit more detailed orders after the hearing.

8 (e) On or before July 1, 2017, the Judicial Council shall adopt
9 a rule of court to implement this section.