

**Introduced by Senator Jackson**

January 27, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 917, as amended, 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 in open court during the hearing*. The bill would also require the Judicial Council, on or before ~~July 1, 2017~~, *January 1, 2018*, to adopt a rule of court *and any forms necessary* 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 in open court during the hearing*. ~~A~~
- 6 ~~minute order setting forth the basic terms of the order, duly filed~~

1 and signed by the judicial officer, is sufficient for purposes of this  
2 section.

3 (b) This section does not require the court to prepare or provide  
4 a judgment of dissolution, legal separation, nullity, or parentage.

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

7 (d) This section does not preclude the court from *requiring the*  
8 *parties or counsel to prepare an order, or* accepting proposed  
9 orders or stipulations for orders from the parties or counsel at the  
10 time of the hearing. The court may, after providing the order  
11 described in subdivision (a), permit parties or counsel to submit  
12 more detailed orders after the hearing.

13 (e) On or before ~~July 1, 2017~~, *January 1, 2018*, the Judicial  
14 Council shall adopt a rule of court *and any forms necessary* to  
15 implement this section.