

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 23, 2016

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SENATE BILL

No. 917

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 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, beginning July 1, 2017, *unless a shorter time period is provided by another statute*, within two court days after the conclusion of a hearing conducted pursuant to the Family Code, to make available to each party who is present at the hearing a *written*, detailed, official order setting forth the basic terms of any orders that were made in open court during the hearing. *The bill would authorize the official order to be provided electronically and would require, to the extent practicable, the order to be provided to all parties present at the hearing before they leave the court that day.* The bill would also require the Judicial Council, on or before ~~January 1, 2018~~, *July 1, 2017*, 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) ~~Beginning~~ *Unless a shorter time period is provided*
3 *by another statute, beginning July 1, 2017, within two court days*
4 *after the conclusion of a hearing conducted pursuant to this code,*
5 *the court shall make available to each party who is present at the*
6 *hearing a written, detailed, official order setting forth the basic*
7 *terms of any orders that were made in open court during the*
8 ~~hearing.~~ *hearing. The order may be made available electronically.*
9 *To the extent practicable, the court shall provide the order, in*
10 *writing, to each party present at the hearing prior to the party*
11 *leaving the court that day.*

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

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

16 (d) This section does not preclude the court from requiring the
17 parties or counsel to prepare an order, or accepting proposed orders
18 or stipulations for orders from the parties or counsel at the time of
19 the hearing. The court may, after providing the order described in
20 subdivision (a), permit parties or counsel to submit more detailed
21 orders after the hearing.

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