

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1338

Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson

February 27, 2009

An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 993) to Title 6 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1338, as introduced, Anderson. Arraignment courts.

Existing law provides, when a criminal complaint is filed, for the arraignment of the defendant on those charges before the court in which the complaint is filed, as specified.

This bill would authorize the presiding judge of the superior court, or a judge designated by the presiding judge, together with the district attorney and the public defender, to establish and conduct an arraignment court program. The bill would authorize the presiding judge of the superior court to establish extended hours for the operation of an arraignment court program, and would require the proceeds of any pecuniary orders issued during those extended hours to be distributed by the court among the participating prosecutorial, defense, probation, and arresting agencies.

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. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 993) is
2 added to Title 6 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.5. ARRAIGNMENT COURT PROGRAM

993. (a) The presiding judge of the superior court, or a judge designated by the presiding judge, together with the district attorney and the public defender, may agree in writing to establish and conduct an arraignment court program pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The presiding judge of the superior court may establish extended hours for the operation of an arraignment court program. Notwithstanding any other law, the proceeds of any pecuniary orders issued during those extended hours shall be distributed by the court among the participating prosecutorial, defense, probation, and arresting agencies.