SPECIAL REPORT

PROPOSITION 220

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
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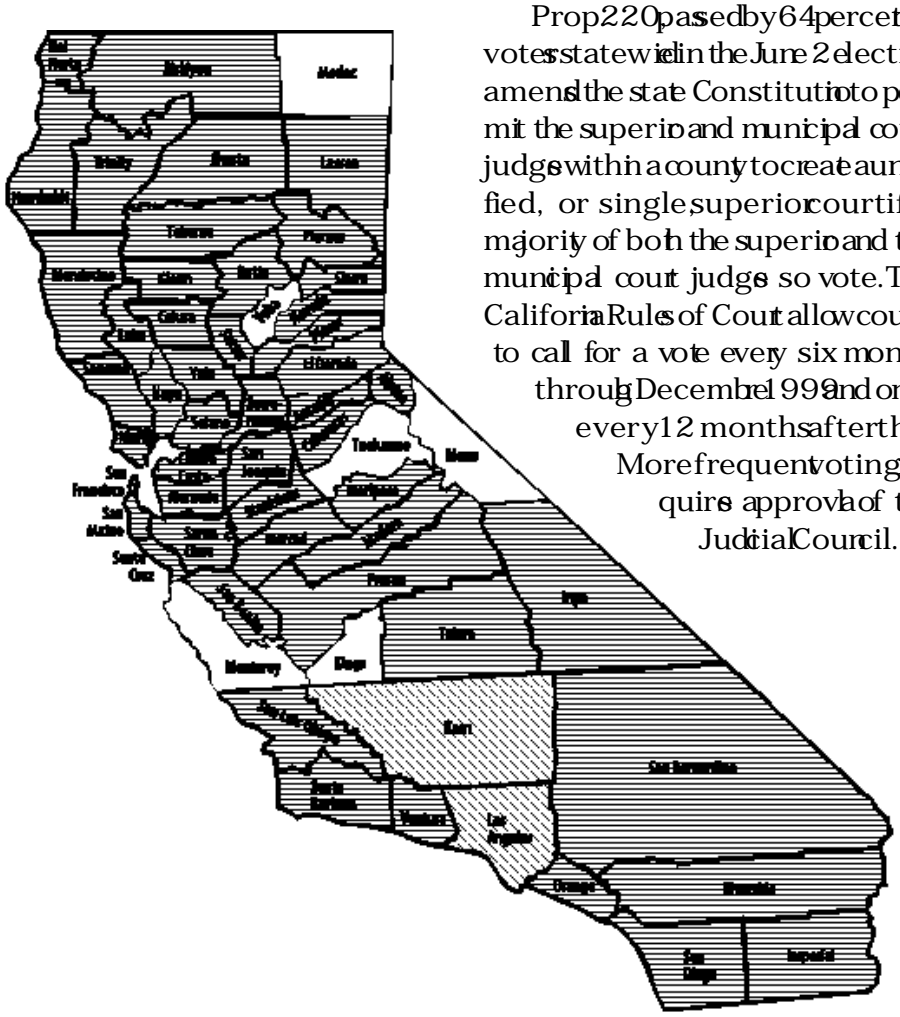
50 of 58 Counties Will Unify

Lassen Latest to Join List

Lassen is the latest county to join the growing list of courts that have voted to unify. With Lassen, the number of counties that have voted to unify their trial courts into a single countywide superior court now totals 50, the Judicial Council reports. To date, 47 of the 50 unifications are in effect. San Diego's effective unification date is December 1; San Francisco's and Lassen's is December 31. Votes in two counties Kern and Los Angeles did not pass.

Prop 220 passed by 64 percent of voters statewide in the June 2 election, amends the state Constitution to permit the superior and municipal court judges within a county to create a unified, or single, superior court if a majority of both the superior and the municipal court judges so vote. The California Rules of Court allow courts to call for a vote every six months through December 1999 and once every 12 months after that. More frequent voting requires approval of the Judicial Council.



Here are the latest details on unification voting actions:

Courts that unified; actions certified = 49
Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo

Courts that have voted to unify; Judicial Council certification pending = 1
Lassen

Courts in which vote did not pass; results certified = 2
Kern, Los Angeles