

Public Law 102-357  
102d Congress

An Act

Aug. 26, 1992  
[H.R. 3795]

To amend title 28, United States Code, to establish 3 divisions in the Central Judicial District of California.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

28 USC 84 note.

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Federal Government has the responsibility to provide quality services which are readily accessible to the people it serves.

(2) The court facilities in the Central Judicial District of California are presently inadequate, and current and projected growth exacerbates the problem.

(3) The population demographics of southern California have changed dramatically over the last decade, as the center of population shifts inland. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of Riverside County increased 76.5 percent, and San Bernardino County's population increased 58.5 percent, to a combined population of 2,600,000.

(4) In the next 15 years, the population in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties is expected to increase again by 70 percent, and 67 percent, respectively. By the year 2005, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties will have 4,400,000 residents.

(5) As a result of the population growth, the freeways connecting the Pacific coast and the inland areas are tremendously overburdened, and Federal offices along the coast are no longer accessible to the residents of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

(6) The creation of 3 divisions in the Central Judicial District of California is urgently needed to provide for the delivery of judicial services to all areas and all residents of the Central Judicial District of California.

**SEC. 2. CREATION OF 3 DIVISIONS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.**

Section 84(c) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) The Central District comprises 3 divisions.

“(1) The Eastern Division comprises the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino.

“Court for the Eastern Division shall be held at a suitable site in the city of Riverside, the city of San Bernardino, or not more than 5 miles from the boundary of either such city.

“(2) The Western Division comprises the counties of Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

“Court for the Western Division shall be held at Los Angeles.

“(3) The Southern Division comprises Orange County.

“Court for the Southern Division shall be held at Santa Ana.”

**SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

28 USC 84 note.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **PENDING CASES NOT AFFECTED.**—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall not affect any action commenced before the effective date of this Act and pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California on such date.

(c) **JURIES NOT AFFECTED.**—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall not affect the composition, or preclude the service, of any grand or petit jury summoned, empaneled, or actually serving in the Central Judicial District of California on the effective date of this Act.

Approved August 26, 1992.

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