Distributions: A Legislative Update

As of the date of this document, the following five bills are being tracked by the Judicial Council of California for their potential impacts on revenue collections and distributions.

- AB 583 (Wood)
- AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)
- SB 185 (Hertzberg)
- SB 493 (Hill)

**AB 583 (Wood)**
Would have extended the termination date of the $4.00 penalty imposed on every conviction for a violation of the Vehicle Code or local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code except parking offenses as specified. Under current law, the $4.00 penalty is distributed to the Emergency Medical Air Transportation (EMAT) Act Fund pursuant to Government Code section 76000.10. By the terms of AB 583, the $4.00 EMAT penalty would have been assessed until January 1, 2028 and collected and distributed until June 30, 2029, and as of January 1, 2030 would have been repealed unless another statute was enacted before that date to extend or terminate it. This bill was held on suspense, and in the absence of emergency legislation, the EMAT will be eliminated as of January 1, 2018. The text of the bill as it was last in print can be found at the link here:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB583

**AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)**
Places limitations on the ability of city and county governments to contract for personal services currently or customarily performed by city and county employees. For each proposed contract, requires local governments to prepare an analysis of the services to be contracted. Allows cities and counties to contract for personal services only as specified. Could have an impact on vendors used by cities and counties to
collect and distribute court-ordered debt. The text of the bill as it is currently in print can be found at the link here:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1250

SB 185 (Hertzberg)
Eliminates provisions that allow courts to hold or suspend drivers’ licenses for failure to pay delinquent court-ordered debt. States that indigence is an absolute bar to a finding of willfulness when a court determines if someone willfully failed to pay court ordered debt. The text of the bill as it is currently in print can be found at the link here:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB185

SB 493 (Hill)
Recasts (clarifies) that the fine amount for a failure to stop before turning right, or before turning left from a one-way street onto another one-way street, is $35. (Note: Failure to stop before continuing straight through the intersection (running a stop sign or a red light) is unchanged, and punishable by a fine of $100.) The text of the bill as it is currently in print can be found at the link here:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB493

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Legislative research site: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml
JCC Annual Legislative Priorities: http://www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm