

**California Trial Courts  
Effective Dates of Unification**  
(as of January 29, 2001)

Unification of the California trial courts is pursuant to the California Constitution,  
article VI, 5(e), enacted through Proposition 220,  
approved June 2, 1998 (Stats. 1996, ch. 36; SCA 4)

	<b>County</b>	<b>Unification Effective Date</b>
1	Alameda	7/31/98
2	Alpine	7/1/98
3	Amador	7/1/98
4	Butte	6/3/98
5	Calaveras	6/3/98
6	Colusa	9/1/98
7	Contra Costa	6/8/98
8	Del Norte	6/17/98
9	El Dorado	8/1/98
10	Fresno	7/1/98
11	Glenn	7/31/98
12	Humboldt	6/10/98
13	Imperial	6/22/98
14	Inyo	7/1/98
15	Kern	7/1/00
16	Kings*	2/8/01
17	Lake	6/30/98
18	Lassen	12/31/98
19	Los Angeles	1/22/00
20	Madera	7/1/98
21	Marin	6/11/98
22	Mariposa	6/3/98
23	Mendocino	8/1/98
24	Merced*	8/3/98
25	Modoc	9/20/99
26	Mono	2/1/99
27	Monterey*	12/18/00
28	Napa	6/3/98
29	Nevada	7/1/98
30	Orange	8/10/98
31	Placer	6/30/98
32	Plumas	7/1/98
33	Riverside	7/29/98
34	Sacramento	6/17/98
35	San Benito	9/1/98
36	San Bernardino	8/10/98
37	San Diego	12/1/98
38	San Francisco	12/31/98
39	San Joaquin	6/8/98
40	San Luis Obispo	7/1/98
41	San Mateo	6/12/98
42	Santa Barbara	8/3/98
43	Santa Clara	7/30/98
44	Santa Cruz	7/1/98
45	Shasta	6/3/98
46	Sierra	7/1/98
47	Siskiyou	6/4/98

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48	Solano	8/3/98
49	Sonoma	6/12/98
50	Stanislaus	7/31/98
51	Sutter	6/3/98
52	Tehama	8/1/98
53	Trinity	7/1/98
54	Tulare	7/27/98
55	Tuolumne	4/23/99
56	Ventura	6/10/98
57	Yolo	6/3/98
58	Yuba*	4/16/99

Note: An asterisk(\*) identifies counties that were designated by the U.S. Department of Justice as covered jurisdictions or preclearance counties (Kings, Merced, Monterey, Yuba ) for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.