



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

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SUSPENSION OF JURY PILOT PROGRAM AB 1981 FOR INCREASED JUROR PAY

El Centro, California – Effective May 19, 2025, the AB 1981 pilot program that provided increased compensation to jurors will be discontinued. As a result, juror pay will return to the standard rate of \$15 per day and .34 cents per mile both ways. Jurors who are currently serving or who have completed a paid day of service on or before May 16, 2025, will continue to receive the \$100 a day until the end of their service.

This change comes following the release of the Governor's May Revision to the proposed fiscal year 2025-26 budget, which includes a budget trailer to eliminate the requirement for the Judicial Council to conduct the AB 1981 jury pilot study and revert unspent funds to be used to offset the state's projected budget shortfall. The Court remains committed to providing access to justice and deeply values the critical role jurors play in upholding the integrity of the judicial process.

The Court appreciates the community's continued support and understanding. We thank all jurors for their time, service, and civic dedication.

For more information, contact Court Administration via email at admindept@imperial.courts.ca.gov.

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