



# Judicial Council of California

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### **Title**

### **Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Rules Regarding Telephonic Appearances (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 authorizes courts to conduct proceedings using remote technology in all civil matters. Assembly Bill 170 (Stats. 2024, ch. 51) extends the sunset date of that statute from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027. Judicial Council staff recommend that the council amend several rules of court regarding telephonic appearances to reflect the extended sunset date of January 1, 2027, as provided in section 367.75.

#### **Recommendation**

Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2026, amend California Rules of Court, rules 3.670, 5.9, 5.324, 5.531, and 5.900 to reflect the new sunset date in Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75.