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INVITATION TO COMMENT

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Title

Juvenile Law: Requests to Change Court Order

Action Requested

Review and submit comments by May 18, 2026, to invitations@jud.ca.gov

Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes

Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.570; revise forms JV-180 and JV-183; revoke form JV-740

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Proposed by

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
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Executive Summary and Origin

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee proposes amending a rule of court, revising two forms, and revoking one form. The proposal would revise *Request to Change Court Order* (form JV-180) and *Court Order on Form JV-180*, Request to Change Court Order (form JV-183) to ask whether dependency or wardship has been declared, and to allow the court to indicate that a Welfare and Institutions Code section 388 or 778 petition is being denied on the grounds that a dependency or wardship has not yet been declared, respectively. The committee also proposes amending rule 5.570 of the California Rules of Court to mirror those proposed additions to the forms. Since rule 5.570 and JV-180 apply to both dependents and wards, the committee further proposes amending the rule to require the use of form JV-180 for petitions filed under section 778, and revoking *Petition to Modify, Change, or Set Aside Previous Order—Change of Circumstances* (form JV-740), which would no longer be necessary.

This proposal has not been approved by the Judicial Council and is not intended to represent the views of the council, its Rules Committee, or its Legislation Committee. It is circulated for comment purposes only.

Background

This proposal responds to concerns about Welfare and Institutions Code section 388 petitions improperly filed before disposition and the absence of corresponding fields on *Request to Change Court Order* (form JV-180) and *Court Order on Form JV-180, Request for Court Order* (form JV-183). A section 388 petition allows anyone who has an interest in a dependent child or nonminor dependent to request to change, modify, or set aside a previous court order based on the grounds of a change of circumstances or new evidence. Although section 388 applies only to “a child who is a dependent child of the juvenile court,” some parties file section 388 petitions before dependency has been declared at disposition. While these petitions should be automatically denied without a hearing because dependency has not yet been declared, forms JV-180 and JV-183 do not include an option that allows a judicial officer to expressly make this finding.

Similarly, a petition under section 778 applies to any person having an interest in a child who is a ward to change, modify, or set aside any previous court order on grounds of a change of circumstances or new evidence. Although form JV-180 applies to dependents and wards, *Petition to Modify, Change, or Set Aside Previous Order—Change of Circumstances* (form JV-740), applicable to wards, is also available for optional use.

The Proposal

This proposal is responsive to identified concerns and is intended to create efficiencies in addressing section 388 and 788 petitions.

The committee proposes adding a new paragraph under rule 5.570(a), Contents of petition (§§ 388, 778), to require that the petition state “whether dependency or wardship has been declared” to mirror the addition to form JV-180. The proposal would also add a corresponding denial reason under rule 5.570(d), Denial of hearing.

The proposal would also amend rule 5.570(b) to require the use of form JV-180 for petitions filed under section 778 and revoke *Petition to Modify, Change, or Set Aside Previous Order—Change of Circumstances* (form JV-740) as no longer relevant because rule 5.570 and form JV-180 apply to both dependents and wards.

Finally, the committee recommends revising form JV-180 to add a new item 1 titled “Current Juvenile Court Status” and to add a denial reason to form JV-183 in new item 2a to enable a judicial officer to deny a section 388 or section 778 petition because “dependency or wardship has not yet been declared.”

Alternatives Considered

The committee considered not changing the rule or forms but leaving them as is would not address the improper usage and ambiguity.

The committee also considered whether item 1 on JV-180 should ask for the date dependency or wardship was declared. There were concerns that this may not be something a user would be able to provide. The committee considered adding “if known” after the date requested or asking for the disposition hearing date instead. Ultimately, the committee decided not to request any date information. Instead, it revised the question to a yes-or-no format and added a notice stating that the form cannot be used if dependency or wardship has not been declared. After further review, committee staff concluded that a strict yes-or-no question could effectively bar someone from using the form if they selected “no,” which could lead to confusion and frustration. To avoid that result, the proposed revision to item 1 provides an affirmative option and an “I’m not sure” option. It also includes two warnings explaining that the form may only be used after dependency or wardship has been declared.

The committee further considered whether to retain *Petition to Modify, Change, or Set Aside Previous Orders—Change of Circumstances* (form JV-740) in light of the recommended changes to forms JV-180 and JV-183. Further, the committee considered not amending rule 5.570(b) to require the use of form JV-180 for petitions filed under section 778.

The committee requests specific comments on these issues.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The proposed changes may reduce improper filings. Juvenile courts would need to provide education and training for judicial officers and court staff regarding the changes to the forms. There may be costs associated with reproducing the new forms.

Request for Specific Comments

In addition to comments on the proposal as a whole, the advisory committee is interested in comments on the following:

- Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose?
- Should rule 5.570(b) not be amended to include that petitions filed under section 778 must be made on form JV-180? (*Please explain your answer.*)
- Should *Petition to Modify, Change, or Set Aside Previous Orders—Change of Circumstances* (form JV-740) not be revoked? (*Please explain your answer.*)

The advisory committee also seeks comments from *courts* on the following cost and implementation matters:

- Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so, please quantify.
- What would the implementation requirements be for courts—for example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems?
- Would two months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?
- How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes?

Attachments and Links

1. Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.570, at pages 5–6
2. Forms JV-180, JV-183, and JV-740, at pages 7–13

Rule 5.570 of the California Rules of Court would be amended, effective January 1, 2027, to read:

1 **Rule 5.570. Request to change court order (petition for modification)**

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3 **(a) Contents of petition (§§ 388, 778)**

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5 A petition for modification must be liberally construed in favor of its sufficiency.
6 The petition must be verified and, to the extent known to the petitioner, must
7 contain the following:

- 8
9 (1) The name of the court to which the petition is addressed;
- 10
11 (2) The title and action number of the original proceeding;
- 12
13 (3) The name and age of the child, nonminor, or nonminor dependent;
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15 (4) The address of the child, nonminor, or nonminor dependent, unless
16 confidential under (c);
- 17
18 (5) The name and address of the parent or guardian of the child or nonminor;
- 19
20 (6) Confirmation that dependency or wardship has been declared;
- 21
22 ~~(6)(7)~~ The date and general nature of the order sought to be modified;
- 23
24 ~~(7)(8)~~ A concise statement of any change of circumstance or new evidence
25 that requires changing the order or, for requests under section 388(c)(1)(B), a
26 concise statement of the relevant action or inaction of the parent or guardian;
- 27
28 ~~(8)(9)~~ A concise statement of the proposed change of the order;
- 29
30 ~~(9)(10)~~ A statement of the petitioner's relationship or interest in the child,
31 nonminor, or nonminor dependent, if the petition is made by a person other
32 than the child, nonminor, or nonminor dependent; and
- 33
34 ~~(10)(11)~~ A statement whether or not all parties agree to the proposed change.

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36 **(b) 388 and 778 petitions**

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38 Once dependency or wardship has been declared, a petition under Welfare and
39 Institutions Code section 388 or 778 must be made on form Request to Change
40 Court Order (form JV-180).

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42 (c) * * *

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2 **(d) Denial of hearing**
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4 The court may deny the petition without a hearing (ex parte) if:

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6 **(1)** The petition was filed before dependency or wardship has been declared.

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8 ~~(1)~~**(2)** The petition filed under section 388(a) or section 778(a) fails to state a
9 change of circumstance or new evidence that may require a change of order
10 or termination of jurisdiction or fails to show that the requested modification
11 would promote the best interest of the child, nonminor, or nonminor
12 dependent.

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14 ~~(2)~~**(3)** The petition filed under section 388(b) fails to demonstrate that the
15 requested modification would promote the best interest of the dependent
16 child;

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18 ~~(3)~~**(4)** The petition filed under section 388(b) or 778(b) requests visits with a
19 nondependent child and demonstrates that sibling visitation is contrary to the
20 safety and well-being of any of the siblings;

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22 ~~(4)~~**(5)** The petition filed under section 388(b) or 778(b) requests visits with a
23 nondependent sibling who remains in the custody of a mutual parent who is
24 not subject to the court's jurisdiction; or


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26 ~~(5)~~**(6)** The petition filed under section 388(c) fails to state facts showing that
27 the parent has failed to visit the child or that the parent has failed to
28 participate regularly and make substantive progress in a court-ordered
29 treatment plan or fails to show that the requested termination of services
30 would promote the best interest of the child.

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32 **(e)–(k)** * * *
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Use this form to ask the court to change an order, dismiss your case, terminate reunification services, or recognize your relationship with your sibling. After you complete the form, file it with the court clerk.

 You **cannot** use this form if a court has not declared a child dependent or a ward of the court at a disposition hearing.

1 Current juvenile court status (*check one*):

- The court has declared dependency or wardship.
- I am unsure whether the court has declared dependency or wardship.
(If dependency or wardship has not been ordered, you cannot use this form.)

2 Your information:

a. I am the (*check one*):

- child parent legal guardian foster parent
- sibling or other relative (*specify*): _____
- social worker probation officer attorney
- other _____

b. My name: _____

c. My address: _____

d. My city, state, zip code: _____

e. My telephone number: _____

f. *If you are an attorney:*

My client's name: _____

My client's address (*if confidential, see item 4*): _____

My client's relationship to the child: _____

My State Bar number: _____

3 Type of request (*check the appropriate box or boxes below and add specific details in items 7–10, as applicable*):

- a. I am asking the court to change an order.
- b. I am asking the court to terminate its jurisdiction.
- c. I am asking the court to terminate reunification services.
- d. I am asking the court to order that reunification services be resumed for six months.
- e. I am asking the court to recognize my relationship with my sibling(s).

(1) I am related to my sibling(s) through (*name of parent*):

(2) I am related to my sibling(s) by blood or adoption by marriage.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in child's name:

Name of Child:

Clerk fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:



Name of child: _____

Case Number: _____

4 If you want to keep your address or your client's address confidential, fill out Confidential Information (Request to Change Court Order) (form JV-182), and do not write the address on this form.

Check here if form JV-182 is attached.

5 Child's information:

a. Name: _____

b. Date of birth: _____

c. Attorney (if known): _____

d. The child lives with or in a (check all that apply):

- parent legal guardian relative
 foster home group home I don't know

e. Name of the person the child lives with or the place where they live: _____

Address: _____

Check here if unknown.

6 Information about parents, legal guardians, and others:

a. Names of parents or legal guardians:

 (Check here if unknown.)

b. Address of parent/legal guardian: _____

(Check here if unknown.)

c. Address of parent/legal guardian: _____

(Check here if unknown.)

d. Indian tribe (if applicable and known): _____

e. CASA volunteer (if applicable and known): _____

f. Educational rights holder (if applicable and known): _____

g. Social worker or probation officer (if applicable and known): _____

If you are asking the court to recognize your relationship with your sibling but not asking the court to change an order, you may skip to item 9.



Name of child: _____

Case Number:

7 On (date, if known): _____ the judge made the following order that you think should be changed:

8 What has happened since that order that might change the judge's mind? (Give new information that the judge did not have when the order was made):

9 What new order or orders do you want the judge to make now?

10 Why would the requested order or action be better for the child?

11 Check here if you need more space for any of the answers. Attach a sheet of paper and write "JV-180" at the top of the page.

Number of pages attached: _____

Name of child: _____

Case Number: _____

12 I have had a copy of my request sent to the people listed below, as applicable. I have checked the correct box to the right of each name to show whether, as far as I know, that person agrees with my request.

If you do not have an attorney, the clerk will send notice and copies of your request to all persons required to receive notice under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 297 and 386 and rules 5.524 and 5.570 of the California Rules of Court.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
Child (if 10 years old, or older):	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child's attorney:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal guardian:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal guardian:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social worker:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probation officer:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current caregiver/foster parent:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preadoptive parent:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CASA volunteer:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational rights holder:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian tribe:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian custodian:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sibling (if petition filed & 10+ years old):	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sibling's caregiver:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sibling's attorney:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney for parent/legal guardian:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney for parent/legal guardian:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County counsel:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District attorney:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 You can ask the judge to make a decision without a court hearing if all the people named above agree with your request. Check here if you want a decision without a hearing.

14 If anyone disagrees with your request, please explain why (if known):

15 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date:

Type or print name

Signature

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The court will complete this form after reviewing form JV-180 (*Request to Change Court Order*) and either grant the request, deny the request, or set a hearing on the request.

After reading and considering form JV-180 (*Request to Change Court Order*) filed by:

Name: _____

on (*date*): _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

The Court Finds and Orders

① All parties and attorneys agree to the request. The request is granted

a. as requested in item 9 of form JV-180.

b. as follows (*state specific modifications*):

Fill in child's name.

Name of Child or Nonminor dependent:

Clerk fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

② The request is denied because

a. dependency or wardship has not yet been declared.

b. the request is not signed.

c. the request does not state new evidence or a change of circumstances.

d. the proposed change of order, recognition of sibling relationships, or termination of jurisdiction does not promote the best interest of the child.

e. the request is for sibling visitation with a dependent of the court and the proposed change of order does not promote the best interest of the child.

f. the request is for sibling visitation with a nondependent of the court and the proposed change of order is contrary to the safety or well-being of one or more of the siblings.

g. the request is for sibling visitation with a nondependent of the court who remains in the custody of a mutual parent who is not subject to this court's jurisdiction.

h. Other (*state the specific reason*):



Name of child or nonminor dependent: _____

Case Number: _____

3 The court orders a hearing on whether the court should grant or deny an evidentiary hearing. The hearing will take place on (date): _____ at (time): _____ (circle one) a.m./p.m. in department _____ of the Superior Court of _____ County located at _____

4 The court orders a hearing on the form JV-180 request because the best interest of the child may be promoted by the request. The hearing will take place on (date): _____ at (time): _____ (circle one) a.m./p.m. in department _____ of the Superior Court of _____ County located at _____

Date: _____

Judicial officer

CHILD'S NAME:

CASE NUMBER:

**PETITION TO MODIFY, CHANGE, OR SET ASIDE PREVIOUS ORDERS—
CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. The child is a ward of the court under Welfare and Institutions Code section 601 602
2. Petitioner is the
 - a. parent
 - b. legal guardian
 - c. probation officer
 - d. adult relative (state relationship):
 - e. attorney for the child
 - f. child
 - g. other interested person (*describe interest*):
3. Petitioner alleges the following changes of circumstances or new evidence regarding the child (*describe changes, numbering each change or new evidence*):
 See Attachment 3 for further grounds.

4. Petitioner requests the following modifications of prior orders:

5. Petitioner requests that the court order a hearing to be held on (*date*): _____ at (*time*): _____ and cause notice to be given to persons prescribed by law.

THE COURT FINDS AND ORDERS

6. Petition to modify, change, or set aside previous order filed (*date*):
 - a. is denied.
 - b. states a change of circumstances or new evidence.
 - c. is agreed to by all parties and attorneys of record.
7. It appears that the best interest of the child may be promoted by the proposed modification.
8. The petition for modification is granted
 - a. as requested in item 4.
 - b. as follows (*state specific modifications*):

 Continued in Attachment 8b.
9. Other orders
10. **The matter is set for hearing**

on (<i>date</i>):	at (<i>time</i>):	in Dept.:	Room:
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Date:

JUDICIAL OFFICER



Request for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the proceeding. Contact the clerk's office or go to www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms for *Request for Accommodations by Persons With Disabilities and Response* (form MC-410). (Civil Code, § 54.8)