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AB 253: Pilot Project for Remote Court Reporting

SAN JOSÉ, California (January 30, 2020): Assembly Bill 253, sponsored by Assemblymember Mark Stone and approved by Governor Newsom on October 2, 2019, authorizes the Santa Clara Superior Court to study the use of remote court reporting to make a verbatim record of certain court proceedings.

In January, the Superior Court commenced a pilot project to test the use of remote court reporting for a limited number of case types. Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan convened a committee which will monitor the progress of the project and report to the Legislature at the conclusion of the pilot. Committee members include court administrators, court reporters, judicial officers, attorneys practicing in Santa Clara County, and other advisory members.

"We have assembled a well-rounded and thoughtful committee to oversee the testing and efficacy of implementing this technology in a courtroom setting," said Presiding Judge Ryan. "The Superior Court views this project as an opportunity to leverage existing technologies to benefit both the Court and the public that it serves."

The pilot project, currently in planning and development, is scheduled to begin its first phase of implementation in March of 2020.

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