

Superior Court of California County of El Dorado

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Suspension of Jury Pilot Program AB1981 For Increased Juror Pay

Placerville, CA, May 19, 2025:

Effective May 19, 2025, the AB1981 pilot program which provided increased compensation to jurors will be discontinued. All jurors who are currently serving or who have completed a paid day of service on or before May 16, 2025, will be entitled to receive the higher per diem rate of \$100 per day and \$0.67 per mile. Jurors serving on or after May 19, 2025 will be paid at the statutory rate of \$15 per day and \$0.34 per mile beginning on the second day of service.

This change is a result of the release of the Governor's May Revision to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26, which includes budget trailer bill language to eliminate the requirement for the Judicial Council to conduct the AB1981 jury pilot study and revert unspent funds to offset the state's projected budget shortfall.

The Court thanks all jurors for their time, service, and civic dedication.

For general information on jury service, visit <u>https://www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov/divisions/jury</u> or <u>www.courts.ca.gov/juryservice.htm</u>.

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