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DIVISION 2. CHILDREN [100 - 1500] (Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 369.)

PART 1. DELINQUENTS AND WARDS OF THE JUVENILE COURT [100 - 1459] (Part 1 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 369.

CHAPTER 2. Juvenile Court Law [200 - 987] (Chapter 2 repealed and added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 1616.)

ARTICLE 21. Wards—Appeals [800 - 801] (Heading of Article 21 renumbered from Article 12 by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

- 800. (a) (1) A judgment in a proceeding under Section 601 or 602 may be appealed from, by the minor, in the same manner as any final judgment, and any subsequent order may be appealed from, by the minor, as from an order after judgment. Pending appeal of the order or judgment, the granting or refusal to order release shall rest in the discretion of the juvenile court. The appeal shall have precedence over all other cases in the court to which the appeal is taken.
 - (2) A ruling on a motion to suppress pursuant to Section 700.1 shall be reviewed on appeal even if the judgment is predicated upon an admission of the allegations of the petition.
 - (3) A judgment or subsequent order entered by a referee shall become appealable whenever proceedings pursuant to Section 252, 253, or 254 have become completed or, if proceedings pursuant to Section 252, 253, or 254 are not initiated, when the time for initiating the proceedings has expired.
- (b) An appeal may be taken by the people from any of the following:
 - (1) A ruling on a motion to suppress pursuant to Section 700.1 even if the judgment is a dismissal of the petition or any count or counts of the petition. However, no appeal by the people shall lie as to any count which, if the people are successful, will be the basis for further proceedings subjecting any person to double jeopardy.
 - (2) An order made after judgment entered pursuant to Section 777 or 785.
 - (3) An order modifying the jurisdictional finding by reducing the degree of the offense or modifying the offense to a lesser offense.
 - (4) An order or judgment dismissing or otherwise terminating the action before the minor has been placed in jeopardy, or where the minor has waived jeopardy. If, pursuant to this paragraph, the people prosecute an appeal of the decision or any review of that decision, it shall be binding upon the people and they shall be prohibited from refiling the case which was appealed.
 - (5) The imposition of an unlawful order at a dispositional hearing, whether or not the court suspends the execution of the disposition.
- (c) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to authorize an appeal from an order granting probation. Instead, the people may seek appellate review of any grant of probation, whether or not the court imposes disposition, by means of a petition for a writ of mandate or prohibition which is filed within 60 days after probation is granted. The review of any grant of probation shall include review of any order underlying the grant of probation.
- (d) An appellant unable to afford counsel, shall be provided a free copy of the transcript in any appeal.
- (e) The record shall be prepared and transmitted immediately after filing of the notice of appeal, without advance payment of fees. If the appellant is able to afford counsel, the county may seek reimbursement for the cost of the transcripts under subdivision (c) of Section 68511.3 of the Government Code as though the appellant had been granted permission to proceed in forma pauperis. The record shall be prepared and made available to the parties and the appellate court notwithstanding any order by the juvenile court to seal the record pursuant to Section 781 or 786.

- (f) All appeals shall be initiated by the filing of notice of appeal in conformity with the requirements of Section 1240.1 of the Penal Code.
- (g) The juvenile court may transfer jurisdiction to another county, terminate its jurisdiction, or seal the record or records of the youth under Section 781 or 786 while an appeal is pending. The transfer of jurisdiction to another county, termination of jurisdiction, or sealing of records under Section 781 or 786 does not affect the jurisdiction of the appellate court. If the appellate court remands the matter to the juvenile court after jurisdiction has been terminated or the record has been sealed under Section 781 or 786, the juvenile court shall access its records and assume jurisdiction to the extent necessary to follow the directions of the appellate court. If the matter returns to the juvenile court after jurisdiction has been transferred to another county, the matter shall return to the juvenile court that last exercised jurisdiction.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 782, Sec. 11. (SB 1161) Effective January 1, 2025.)

- 801. (a) An order transferring a minor from the juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction shall be subject to immediate appellate review if a notice of appeal is filed within 30 days of the order transferring the minor to a court of criminal jurisdiction. An order transferring the minor from the juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction may not be heard on appeal from the judgment of conviction.
- (b) Upon request of the minor, the superior court shall issue a stay of the criminal court proceedings until a final determination of the appeal. The superior court shall retain jurisdiction to modify or lift the stay upon request of the minor.
- (c) The appeal shall have precedence in the court to which the appeal is taken and shall be determined as soon as practicable after the notice of appeal is filed.
- (d) The Judicial Council shall adopt rules of court to ensure all of the following:
 - (1) The juvenile court shall advise the minor of the right to appeal, of the necessary steps and time for taking an appeal, and of the right to the appointment of counsel if the minor is unable to retain counsel.
 - (2) Following the timely filing of a notice of appeal, the prompt preparation and transmittal of the record from the superior court to the appellate court.
 - (3) Adequate time requirements for counsel and court personnel shall exist to implement the objectives of this section.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that this section provides for an expedited review on the merits by the appellate court of an order transferring the minor from the juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 195, Sec. 1. (AB 624) Effective January 1, 2022.)