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TITLE 8. THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF COURTS [68070 - 77655] (Title 8 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

CHAPTER 7. Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act [71600 - 71675] (Chapter 7 added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14.)

ARTICLE 7. Relation to Other Trial Court Statutes [71670 - 71675] (Article 7 added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14.)

[71670.](#) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the provisions of the Brown-Presley Trial Court Funding Act (Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 77000) of Title 8) or to impose upon the Judicial Council or the state any obligation to make an allocation to a trial court to fund expenses or obligations incurred by the trial court pursuant to this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2001.)

[71671.](#) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each trial court employee shall have the protections provided for in Article 5 (commencing with Section 71650) of this chapter, except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2001.)

[71672.](#) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each trial court employee shall be entitled to such benefits as are provided for in Article 2 (commencing with Section 71620) of this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2001.)

[71673.](#) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the trial court may exercise the authority and power granted to it pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 71620) of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the authority and power to establish job classifications, to appoint such employees as are necessary, to establish salaries for trial court employees, and to arrange for the provision of benefits for trial court employees, without securing the approval or consent of the county or the board of supervisors, and without requiring any further legislative action, except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 1010, Sec. 14. Effective January 1, 2001.)

[71674.](#) The California Law Revision Commission shall determine whether any provisions of law are obsolete as a result of the enactment of this chapter, the enactment of the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 (Chapter 850 of the Statutes of 1997), or the implementation of trial court unification, and shall recommend to the Legislature any amendments to remove those obsolete provisions. The commission shall report its recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed statutory changes.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 784, Sec. 360. Effective January 1, 2003.)

[71675.](#) (a) Any trial court may adopt a procedure to be used as a preliminary step before petitioning the superior court for relief pursuant to subdivision (b) in matters concerning the release of information by that trial court. The Judicial Council may adopt a procedure to be used as a preliminary step before petitioning the superior court for relief pursuant to subdivision (b) in matters concerning the release of information by the Judicial Council.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 1085 and 1003 of the Code of Civil Procedure requiring the issuance of a writ to an inferior tribunal, in the event that a trial court employee, an employee organization, or a member of the public believes there has been a violation of Rule 10.802 of the California Rules of Court concerning the maintenance of, and public access to, budget and management information concerning the Judicial Council or the trial courts, that party may petition the superior court for relief.

(c) The Judicial Council shall adopt rules of court to implement this hearing and appeal process. The rules of court shall provide a mechanism for the establishment of a panel of court of appeal justices who shall be qualified to hear these matters, as specified in the rules of court, from which panel a single justice shall be assigned to hear the matter in the superior court. The rules of court shall provide that these matters shall be heard in the superior court, and, if applicable, the court of appeal, on an expedited basis. To the

extent permitted by law or rule of court, these rules shall provide that the justice assigned to hear the matter shall not be from the court of appeal district in which the action is filed, and shall provide that appeals in these matters shall be heard in the court of appeal district where the matter was filed.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 130, Sec. 139. Effective January 1, 2008.)