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Introduction

The *Pacific Law Journal* is proud to present the eleventh annual Review of Selected California Legislation. We are especially pleased to present this issue because it marks the start of our second decade of publication. This portion of the *Journal* is dedicated to providing analyses of the most important legislation passed in 1980. In selecting the legislation to be included in this review, the editors have utilized three basic criteria: (1) whether the bill will affect the work of the practicing bar or bench; (2) whether the bill will affect the work of the legal specialist; and (3) whether the bill will interest the attorney as a community leader. Among the new laws discussed in the following pages are measures allowing deaf persons to act as jurors, removing the requirement of resistance from the definition of rape, changing the conclusive presumption of paternity to a rebuttable presumption by allowing evidence of blood tests, establishing various restrictions and penalties relating to hazardous waste, and providing for greater accuracy and privacy of insurance records.

The heading of each bill analysis includes a description of the subject area, a listing of the code sections affected by the bill, the bill and chapter numbers, the author of the bill, major organizational support of and opposition to the bill in its chaptered form, and the operative date of laws that become operative other than on January 1, 1981. When constitutional issues, points of practical interest, or problem areas have merited further discussion, a comment has been included to provide a broader insight into the legislation. In addition, to facilitate access to specific code sections of interest, a table of the code sections affected by the bills analyzed in this Review is provided at the end of this issue.

The preparation and publication of the Review requires the joint effort of many individuals interested in the legislative process, but is most significantly a product of the dedication and competence of the mem-

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