

**State of California**

**PENAL CODE**

**Section 96.5**

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96.5. (a) Every judicial officer, court commissioner, or referee who commits any act that he or she knows perverts or obstructs justice, is guilty of a public offense punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits prosecution under paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 182 of the Penal Code or any other law.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 853, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 2000.)