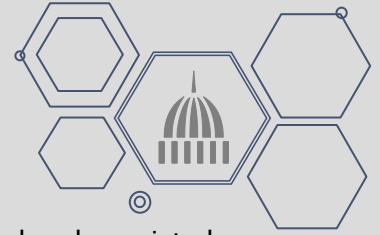


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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



Administration of State Forensic Services **Penal Code §§ 295 through 300.3, 11060**

The state administers its forensic services through the California Bureau of Forensic Sciences in the Department of Justice.

Laboratory Accreditation Requirements **Penal Code § 297**

The state requires accreditation for forensic laboratories in numerous forensic disciplines.

State Studies Addressing Forensic Services **Penal Code § 11062**

The state's Crime Laboratory Review Task Force released a [report](#) in November 2009, then disbanded without filing a supplemental report.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis **Penal Code § 296**

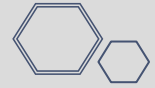
People convicted of any felony or a sex crime misdemeanor must submit a DNA sample to state officials. Sample collection applies to juveniles.

Arrestee DNA Analysis **Penal Code §§ 296, 296.1, 299**

People arrested for any felony must submit a DNA sample to state officials. The sample is collected at booking and is expunged upon request.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis **Penal Code § 1405**

The state allows an individual convicted of a felony to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable probability the verdict or sentence would have been more favorable. California code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.



Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs.....Penal Code § 680, § 13823.11

State standards address evidence submission protocols for law enforcement and set communication requirements for law enforcement with victims.

Familial DNA Testing/Partial Match Analysis.....Administrative Action

The state's Attorney General issued an [information bulletin](#) authorizing the use of partial match analysis when other investigative leads have been exhausted.

Eyewitness Identification Procedure.....Administrative Action

The California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice issued a [report](#) in 2008 that included recommendations related to eyewitness identification procedures.

