

6-03/210.00 Posse Comitatus

GC 26604. The sheriff shall command the aid of as many inhabitants of the sheriff's county as he or she thinks necessary in the execution of his or her duties.

PC 723. When a sheriff or other public officer authorized to execute process finds, or has reason to apprehend, that resistance will be made to the execution of the process, the officer may command as many able-bodied inhabitants of the officer's county as he or she may think proper to assist in overcoming the resistance and, if necessary, in seizing, arresting, and confining the persons resisting, and their aiders and abettors.

PC 724. The officer must certify to the Court from which the process issued the names of the persons resisting, and their aiders and abettors, to the end that they may be proceeded against for their contempt of Court.

PC 839. Any person making an arrest may orally summon as many persons as he deems necessary to aid him therein.

**Special Note – August 30, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 192 into law repealing PC 150 thereby abolishing the crime of willful or negligent failure to join a posse.
