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Comment:

I am opposed to the extra delay in court proceedings. I recently had a case before 54a in which both defendant and plaintiff were ready to proceed on initial court date for a consent judgement, yet we were not able to enter into this judgement due to the delay policy. This case just caused a delay for both the client and myself as without a judgement, he was not eligible for emergency assistance from his employer. Now he may not be eligible due to an additional month of rent being due at the new "hearing" date putting him beyond the amount they can help with.

I can see the judge giving the defendant more time if asked and needed, but to delay just to delay for policy is backing up the court for other cases that could shorten the already growing backlog for a hearing.

I pray you do not make this policy permanent and allow the rule of law to keep our civil system working for everyone as outline in current Michigan law.

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