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Comment:

State law requires landlord-tenant hearings to be set for hearing within 10 days of filing, MCL 600.5735 (2)(b) <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-600-5735>. This is not happening now and will not happen when this rule goes into permanent effect. Courts do not file cases when they are received but hold them for weeks and months in order to circumvent the statute. Some courts do not even bother to skirt the law; they just file the cases and set them for hearing 2-3 months later. Delays and multiple hearings increase delinquencies and costs to landlords. More people will skip and when they do, they will owe more money. Residents will not prioritize paying rent because of the delays the Court wants to put in place, and landlords will incur greater costs and attorney fees. These costs will be passed on to other residents, who pay their rent.

Our properties have already suffered due to these delays.