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This bill provides that if a defendant fails to appear at a hearing on a mortgagor's request for a reduced redemption period, and the mortgagor has made the request based upon a claim that the property is abandoned, then the defendant's failure to appear is conclusive evidence that the property has been abandoned. For this provision to apply, the defendant must have received proper notice, consistent with the requirements for service of process in a civil action.