

Subject Suspending civil deadlines
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Overview

Chief Justice Lori Gildea has issued several judicial orders seeking to continue the operations of Minnesota courts in a manner that is consistent with public safety and the orders issued by Governor Walz. The court's orders have stopped new trials from starting and encouraged the use of remote technology for most hearings. These changes are likely to result in delay in some cases. On March 19, 2020, the Chief Justice sent a letter to legislative leaders requesting "legislation that would toll statutory deadlines and statutes of limitations." This bill would grant the Chief Justice's request.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Deadlines governing proceedings in district and appellate courts suspended during peacetime emergency.</p> <p>Suspends the running of statutory deadlines that govern proceedings in the district and appellate courts. The suspension includes statutes of limitations and other time periods prescribed by statute. The suspension lasts for the length of the peacetime emergency and for an additional 60 days after it ends. Courts can continue to hold hearings, require appearances, and issue orders if the judge determines that the individual circumstances make action appropriate. The suspension applies to any deadlines that had not expired as of March 13, 2020, or were triggered on or after that date.</p>