
DIGEST

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HB 6 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that the court shall set a suit for pretrial conference upon motion of any party when the suit has been pending for more than one year without a trial date being set.

Present law provides that a district court may direct the attorneys for the parties to appear before it for conferences to consider various pretrial matters, including scheduling discovery time limitations, fact and issue stipulations, witnesses and testimony, and setting a trial date.

Proposed law provides that upon motion of any party when a suit has been pending for more than one year without a trial date being set, the court shall set the matter for conference for the purpose of resolving all pretrial matters.

Proposed law provides that the conference may be conducted in chambers, by telephone, or by video teleconference.

(Adds C.C.P. Art. 1551(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Authorize scheduling conferences to be conducted in chambers, by telephone, or by video teleconference.