

HB 853 -- COURT ORDERS ON JUDGMENTS

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This bill specifies that orders and judgments on motions, hearings, and trials for cases filed in Missouri courts must be in writing and entered by the court within 30 days after the matter is fully briefed in writing or, if heard on oral argument, upon conclusion of any hearing or trial after the matter is fully briefed and submitted to the court or Commissioner.

Within 10 days after the court receives a request from a party for a hearing date on a motion to be heard on the record or a request for a trial date, the court or Commissioner must set a fixed date and time for the hearing or trial on any cases pending before the court. The bill establishes specific tracks for cases pending in court, depending on the division in which a case is pending.

The bill also specifies what may happen if a judge fails to comply with the standards set in the bill, including a fine at the rate of \$100 a day or removal, suspension, or other forms of discipline for willful neglect of duty.

This bill is the same as HB 523 (2023) and HB 2882 and SB 722 (2022).