SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

S.F. No. 303

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to civil actions; suspending the expiring of statutory deadlines imposed
1.3   upon judicial proceedings during a peacetime emergency; amending Laws 2020,
1.4   chapter 74, article 1, section 16.

1.5   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6   Section 1. Laws 2020, chapter 74, article 1, section 16, is amended to read:

1.7   Sec. 16. **DEADLINES GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT AND**

1.8   **APPELLATE COURTS SUSPENDED DURING PEACETIME EMERGENCY.**

1.9   (a) The ~~running~~ expiration of deadlines imposed by statutes governing proceedings in

1.10   the district and appellate courts, including any statutes of limitations or other time periods

1.11   prescribed by statute, is suspended during the peacetime emergency declared on March 13,

1.12   2020, in governor's Executive Order 20-01 and any extensions authorized under Minnesota

1.13   Statutes, section 12.31, subdivision 2, and for 60 days after the end of the peacetime

1.14   emergency declaration. Nothing in this paragraph prevents a court from holding a hearing,

1.15   requiring an appearance, or issuing an order during the peacetime emergency if the judge

1.16   determines that individual circumstances relevant to public safety, personal safety, or other

1.17   emergency matters require action in a specific case.

1.18   (b) This section expires 60 days after the end of the peacetime emergency declaration

1.19   described in paragraph (a) or February 15, 2021, whichever is earlier.

1.20   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and

1.21   applies to all deadlines that had not expired as of March 13, 2020, and that would have

2.1   expired during the period starting March 13, 2020, and ending with the date established by

2.2   paragraph (b).