

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
EXTENSION OF THE TERM) Administrative Order
OF THE COMMITTEE ON) No. 2017 - 134
IMPROVING SMALL CLAIMS) (Affecting Administrative
CASE PROCESSING) Order No. 2016-115)
_____)

On November 2, 2016, the Committee on Improving Small Claims Case Processing (the Committee) was established by Administrative Order No. 2016-115. The Court charged the Committee with developing recommendations, including proposed rule amendments or pilot projects, to reduce the time required to resolve small claims cases in Arizona's Justice of the Peace courts.

As required by the Administrative Order, the Committee reviewed the rules of procedure and statutes applicable to the processing of small claims cases to identify changes that may serve to reduce the time and expense to litigants in small claims cases. The Committee developed a set of rules for small claims cases to be used in a 12-month pilot project beginning in January 2018. The filing of a rule petition, subject to modification based on pilot project data and committee input, and pilot project were approved by the Arizona Judicial Council on December 14, 2017. In order to review pilot project data and provide input on pilot rule modifications that may be necessary, the Committee has requested an extension of its term.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the term of the Committee on Improving Small Claims Case Processing is extended to December 31, 2018.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2017.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice