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HB No. 1158

Abstract: Requires district courts to set pretrial scheduling conferences to consider and resolve certain matters, and requires the court to set such conferences within 30 days of the filing of the motion by any party.

Present law authorizes a district court in any civil action to direct the attorneys for the parties to appear for pretrial conferences to consider various matters, including the status of discovery, pending issues, admissibility of evidence, and limitations on expert witnesses, in order to prepare the case for trial.

Proposed law requires the district court to set such conferences, and requires the court to set such conferences within 30 days of the filing of the motion by any party, even if discovery is outstanding.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1551(A)(intro. para.), (B), and (C); Adds C.C.P. Art. 1551(D))