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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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the conference shall be conducted in chambers unless all of the parties and the court agree to conduct it by telephone.

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