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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:	) Supreme Court No. R-24-0022
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
11(b)(1), ARIZONA RULES OF	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
PROCEDURE FOR EVICTION	) JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF THE
ACTIONS	) PETITION
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The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice is charged with considering and recommending innovative ways to promote access to justice for individuals who cannot afford legal counsel or who choose to represent themselves in civil cases. Established in 2014, the Commission evaluates best practices, identifies possible changes in court rules or practices to reduce barriers to access, identifies and encourages the adoption of best practices among legal service providers, and considers potential long-term funding options.

Following a presentation at the April 11, 2024, Commission meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the Commission support Rule Change Petition No. R-24-0022. After discussion by members of the Commission, that motion passed

by majority vote. This Comment is a result of that formal Commission action and is intended to reflect the Commission's support of the changes requested in the Petition.

This Petition proposes a pilot project that will for a period of one-year require justice courts to re-call a case where the plaintiff or defendant did not appear or respond after the initial call of the case during a court calendar. The call would occur at the end of a calendar or after the specific one-hour time period of longer calendar calls. This re-call will ensure that a party's case is not dismissed when a party appears but is late. Although many justice courts do recall a case when a party is late for their hearing, not all do and this lack of consistency results in an inequality that prejudices the parties.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-24-0022.

DATED this 29th day of April 2024.

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