

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-18

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Temporary Order – Covid-19

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This administrative order is entered pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges of each circuit in the State of Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court's Orders in M.R. 30370:

In re:

Illinois Courts Response to

COVID-19 Emergency

Dated May 20, 2020

**Whereas**, the Supreme Court has acknowledged the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and has issued a series of orders authorizing chief judges to enter such necessary orders to safely operate circuit courts; and

**Whereas**, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit by its Chief Judge recognizes the importance to take necessary action to protect its judges, staff, potential jurors, case parties, other judicial partners and the general public from the spread of Covid-19 and the Chief Judge finds there has been a resurgence of novel coronavirus (Covid-19) infections and hospitalizations in McHenry County since the entry of its prior orders. In the interests of the health and safety of all court users the Chief Judge deems it necessary to exercise his authority to suspend petit juries, continue scheduled jury trials, and suspend grand jury proceedings in order to protect potential jurors from possible exposure to the spread of the novel coronavirus: and

**Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered** that all cases scheduled for jury trial commencing November 30, 2020 and thereafter, in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois shall be continued for status or trial by the judge assigned to said case.

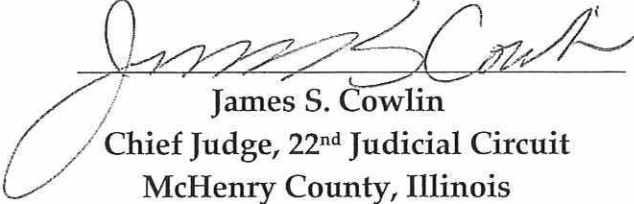
**It Is Further Ordered**, pursuant to the grant of authority contained in the Supreme Court's Order of May 20, 2020 in M.R.30370, in the case of criminal proceedings, such

continuances shall be excluded from speedy trial computations contained in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)).

**It Is Further Ordered** that grand jury proceedings scheduled on or after November 30, 2020 shall be suspended until further order of the Chief Judge.

**It Is Further Ordered**, pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges in Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, dated May 20, 2020, this order may be amended or modified by further order of the Chief Judge.

Dated: November 16, 2020

  
James S. Cowlin  
Chief Judge, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
McHenry County, Illinois