

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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In re: Mandatory Electronic Filing  
in Civil Cases

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M.R. 18368

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ORDER

In the exercise of the Court's general administrative and supervisory authority over all courts, the following is in response to the "Petition on Behalf of the Cook County Judicial Circuit for an Extension of Time to Implement Mandatory e-Filing" filed with the Supreme Court of Illinois and requesting to extend the January 1, 2018, deadline to implement mandatory e-filing for all civil case types and the migration to eFileIL to January 1, 2019.

Given the late submission of this petition, filed by the Supreme Court Clerk on December 20, 2017, and in light of the Circuit Court of Cook County's assertion that the existing e-filing system is not able to accept e-filing of all civil cases,

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Circuit Court of Cook County is allowed to continue permissive e-filing for a period of six (6) months, or until June 30, 2018. During this extended period, the Circuit Clerk's contract with the stand-alone e-filing vendor will result in charging a transaction fee (at the current contractual rate) upon the filer until Cook County migrates to eFileIL.
2. During this extended period, conventional paper filings of all civil cases shall be allowed as an alternative to paying a transaction fee to the stand-alone e-filing vendor under contract with the Circuit Clerk.
3. No additional case types or filing transactions shall be added, nor shall any extraordinary actions be taken, to promote e-filing through the stand-alone e-filing system.
4. The Circuit Clerk's office shall commit all necessary resources to meet the extended timeline, including working with Tyler on thorough testing of the essential functionality that the Circuit Clerk has identified is necessary to maintain the integrity of its business processes.

5. Permissive e-filing through eFileIL in County Division shall continue with a commitment to complete the full case management system integration by April 1, 2018.
6. All civil case types that are not currently e-filed shall have a permissive go-live date through eFileIL no later than April 1, 2018.
7. All case types that are currently e-filed using the stand-alone e-filing system shall have a permissive go-live date through eFileIL no later than May 1, 2018.
8. To ensure proper testing by the circuit clerk's office and exposure to filers, permissive e-filing through eFileIL shall not be restricted in any manner and eFileIL shall be made available to all filers across the state, including e-filing of all case types to an unlimited number of firms, attorneys, and filers no later than May 1, 2018.
9. Because of the size and complexity of operations in Cook County, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall attend implementation meetings with the Circuit Clerk's office and Tyler Technologies to monitor the progress and otherwise assist with timely implementation of mandatory e-filing throughout this extended period.

Order Entered by the Court.

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