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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to service of process; amending s.
3 48.031, F.S.; specifying where a process server must
4 record certain information concerning service;
5 granting authorized process servers unannounced access
6 to specified residential areas where a defendant or
7 witness resides or is known to be; amending s. 48.29,
8 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
9 act; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 48.031, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is added to that
15 section, to read:

16 48.031 Service of process generally; service of witness
17 subpoenas.—

18 (5) A person serving process shall place, on the front page
19 of the copy served, the date and time of service and his or her
20 identification number and initials for all service of process.

21 (7) A person authorized to serve process shall be granted
22 unannounced access to the common areas, both general and
23 limited, of condominiums, gated communities, or any secured
24 residential areas where a defendant or witness resides or is
25 known to be.

26 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 48.29, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 48.29 Certification of process servers.—

29 (6) A certified process server shall place the information

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30 provided in s. 48.031(5) on the front page of the copy served.
31 Return of service shall be made by a certified process server on
32 a form which has been reviewed and approved by the court.

33 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.