

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.031,
 3 F.S.; specifying where a process server must record
 4 certain information concerning service; granting
 5 authorized process servers unannounced access to specified
 6 residential areas where a defendant or witness resides or
 7 is known to be; amending s. 48.29, F.S.; conforming
 8 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an
 9 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
 19 page of the copy served, the date and time of service and his or
 20 her identification number and initials for all service of
 21 process.

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

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

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29 48.29 Certification of process servers.—

30 (6) A certified process server shall place the information
31 provided in s. 48.031(5) on the front page of the copy served.

32 Return of service shall be made by a certified process server on
33 a form which has been reviewed and approved by the court.

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