

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to process and service of process;
 3 amending s. 48.031, F.S.; providing for service of
 4 process when the only address discoverable through
 5 public records for a person to be served is a virtual
 6 office or an executive or mini office suite; providing
 7 definitions; amending s. 48.081, F.S.; conforming a
 8 provision; amending s. 48.193, F.S.; providing that
 9 orders issued by agencies of other states are not
 10 enforceable in certain circumstances; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 48.031, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

19 (6) (a) If the only address for a person to be served,
 20 which is discoverable through public records, is a private
 21 mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini office suite,
 22 substitute service may be made by leaving a copy of the process
 23 with the person in charge of the private mailbox, virtual
 24 office, or executive or mini office suite, but only if the
 25 process server determines that the person to be served maintains
 26 a mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini office

27 suite at that location.

28 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "virtual office"
 29 means an office that provides communication and address services
 30 without providing any dedicated office space, and the term
 31 "executive or mini office suite" means an office that provides
 32 communication, dedicated office space, and other support
 33 services. In both types of offices, all communication is routed
 34 through a common receptionist.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 36 48.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 48.081 Service on corporation.—

38 (3)

39 (b) If the address for the registered agent, officer,
 40 director, or principal place of business is a residence, a ~~or~~
 41 private mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini
 42 office suite, service on the corporation may be made by serving
 43 the registered agent, officer, or director in accordance with s.
 44 48.031.

45 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 46 48.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

47 48.193 Acts subjecting person to jurisdiction of courts of
 48 state.—

49 (1)

50 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, an
 51 order issued, or a penalty or fine imposed, by an agency of any
 52 other state is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ enforceable against any person or

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53 | entity incorporated or having its principal place of business in
54 | this state if ~~where~~ such other state does not provide a
55 | mandatory right of review of such agency decision in a state
56 | court of competent jurisdiction.

57 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.