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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.; expanding the locations at which
4 substitute service of process may be made when such
5 location is the only discoverable address for the
6 person to be served; defining the terms "virtual
7 office" and "executive office or mini suite"; amending
8 s. 48.193, F.S.; providing that orders issued by
9 agencies of other states are not enforceable under
10 certain circumstances; amending s. 48.081, F.S.;
11 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 48.031, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

29 (b) For purposes of this subsection, the term "virtual
30 office" means an office that provides communications services,
31 such as telephone or facsimile services, and address services
32 without providing dedicated office space, and where all

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33 communications are routed through a common receptionist. The
34 term "executive office or mini suite" means an office that
35 provides communications services, such as telephone and
36 facsimile services, a dedicated office space, and other
37 supportive services, and where all communications are routed
38 through a common receptionist.

39 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
40 48.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

41 48.193 Acts subjecting person to jurisdiction of courts of
42 state.-

43 (1)

44 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
45 an order issued, or a penalty or fine imposed, by an agency of
46 another any other state is shall not be enforceable against any
47 person or entity incorporated or having its principal place of
48 business in this state if the ~~where such~~ other state does not
49 provide a mandatory right of review of the ~~such~~ agency decision
50 in a state court of competent jurisdiction.

51 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
52 48.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

53 48.081 Service on corporation.-

54 (3)

55 (b) If the address for the registered agent, officer,
56 director, or principal place of business is a residence, a or
57 private mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive office or
58 mini suite, service on the corporation may be made by serving
59 the registered agent, officer, or director in accordance with s.
60 48.031.

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