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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Bradley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 544 - 955  
and insert:  
service electronically by e-mail or other technology by any person authorized to serve process in accordance with this chapter, or by an attorney. The court may authorize other methods of service consistent with the principles of due process. In suits involving a breach of contract, the court may consider authorizing the parties to effectuate service in the



11 manner provided for in the contractual notice provision of the  
12 subject contract.

13 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 48.111, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 48.111 Service on public agencies and officers.-

16 (1) Process against any municipal corporation, agency,  
17 board, or commission, department, or subdivision of the state or  
18 any county which has a governing board, council, or commission  
19 or which is a body corporate shall be served:

20 (a) On the registered agent; or

21 (b) If the municipal corporation, agency, board, or  
22 commission, department, or subdivision of the state does not  
23 have a registered agent, or if the registered agent cannot  
24 otherwise be served after one good faith attempt:

25 1. On the president, mayor, chair, or other head thereof;  
26 and in the ~~his or her~~ absence of all persons listed in this  
27 subparagraph;

28 2. ~~(b)~~ On the vice president, vice mayor, or vice chair, and  
29 or in the absence of all persons listed in subparagraph 1. and  
30 this subparagraph of the above;

31 3. ~~(c)~~ On any member of the governing board, council, or  
32 commission, the manager of the governmental entity, if any, or  
33 an in-house attorney for the governmental entity, if any, and in  
34 the absence of all the persons listed in subparagraph 1.,  
35 subparagraph 2., and this subparagraph;

36 4. On any employee of the governmental entity at the main  
37 office of the governmental entity.

38 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 48.151, Florida  
39 Statutes, is amended to read:



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40 48.151 Service on statutory agents for certain persons.—

41 (2) This section does not apply to substituted service of  
42 process under s. 48.161 or s. 48.181 ~~on nonresidents.~~

43 Section 11. Section 48.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
44 read:

45 48.161 Method of substituted service on nonresident.—

46 (1) When authorized by law, substituted service of process  
47 on a nonresident individual or a corporation or other business  
48 entity incorporated or formed under the laws of any other state,  
49 territory, or commonwealth, or the laws of any foreign country,  
50 ~~may or a person who conceals his or her whereabouts by serving a~~  
51 ~~public officer designated by law shall~~ be made by sending  
52 leaving a copy of the process to the office of the Secretary of  
53 State by personal delivery; by registered mail; with a fee of  
54 ~~\$8.75 with the public officer or in his or her office or by~~  
55 ~~mailing the copies by certified mail, return receipt requested;~~  
56 by use of a commercial firm regularly engaged in the business of  
57 document or package delivery; or by electronic transmission ~~to~~  
58 ~~the public officer with the fee.~~ The service is sufficient  
59 service on a party that ~~defendant who~~ has appointed or is deemed  
60 to have appointed the Secretary of State a public officer as  
61 such party's ~~his or her~~ agent for the service of process. The  
62 Secretary of State shall keep a record of all process served on  
63 the Secretary of State showing the day and hour of service.

64 (2) Notice of service and a copy of the process must ~~shall~~  
65 be sent forthwith by the party effectuating service or by such  
66 party's attorney by registered mail; by registered or certified  
67 mail, return receipt requested; or by use of a commercial firm  
68 regularly engaged in the business of document or package



69 delivery. In addition, if the parties have recently and  
70 regularly used e-mail or other electronic means to communicate  
71 between themselves, the notice of service and a copy of the  
72 process must be sent by such electronic means or, if the party  
73 is being served by substituted service, the notice of service  
74 and a copy of the process must be served at such party's last  
75 known physical address and, if applicable, last known electronic  
76 address. The party effectuating service shall file proof of  
77 service or return receipts showing delivery to the other party  
78 by mail or courier and by electronic means, if electronic means  
79 were used, unless the party is actively refusing or rejecting  
80 the delivery of the notice. An ~~by the plaintiff or his or her~~  
81 attorney to the defendant, and the defendant's return receipt  
82 and the affidavit of compliance of the party effectuating  
83 service ~~plaintiff or such party's his or her attorney must~~ of  
84 compliance shall be filed within 40 days after ~~on or before~~ the  
85 date ~~return day~~ of service on the Secretary of State ~~process~~ or  
86 within such additional time as the court allows. The affidavit  
87 of compliance must set forth the facts that justify substituted  
88 service under this section and that show due diligence was  
89 exercised in attempting to locate and effectuate personal  
90 service on the party before using substituted service under this  
91 section. The party effectuating service does not need to allege  
92 in its original or amended complaint the facts required to be  
93 set forth in the affidavit of compliance.

94 (3) When an individual or a business entity conceals its  
95 whereabouts, the party seeking to effectuate service, after  
96 exercising due diligence to locate and effectuate personal  
97 service, may use substituted service pursuant to subsection (1)



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98 in connection with any action in which the court has  
99 jurisdiction over such individual or business entity. The party  
100 seeking to effectuate service must also comply with subsection  
101 (2); however, a return receipt or other proof showing acceptance  
102 of receipt of the notice of service and a, or the notice and  
103 copy of the shall be served on the defendant, if found within  
104 the state, by an officer authorized to serve legal process by  
105 the concealed party need not be filed, or if found without the  
106 state, by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of any county of this  
107 state or any duly constituted public officer qualified to serve  
108 like process in the state or jurisdiction where the defendant is  
109 found. The officer's return showing service shall be filed on or  
110 before the return day of the process or within such time as the  
111 court allows. The fee paid by the plaintiff to the public  
112 officer shall be taxed as cost if he or she prevails in the  
113 action. The public officer shall keep a record of all process  
114 served on him or her showing the day and hour of service.

115 (4) The party effectuating service is considered to have  
116 used due diligence if that party:

117 (a) Made diligent inquiry and exerted an honest and  
118 conscientious effort appropriate to the circumstances to acquire  
119 the information necessary to effectuate personal service;

120 (b) In seeking to effectuate personal service, reasonably  
121 employed the knowledge at the party's command, including  
122 knowledge obtained pursuant to paragraph (a); and

123 (c) Made an appropriate number of attempts to serve the  
124 party, taking into account the particular circumstances, during  
125 such times when and where such party is reasonably likely to be  
126 found, as determined through resources reasonably available to



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127 the party seeking to secure service of process.

128 (5)(2) If any individual person on whom service of process  
129 is authorized under subsection (1) dies, service may be made in  
130 the same manner on his or her administrator, executor, curator,  
131 or personal representative in the same manner.

132 (9)(3) This section does not apply to persons on whom  
133 service is authorized under s. 48.151.

134 (6)(4) The Secretary of State public officer may designate  
135 an individual some other person in his or her office to accept  
136 service.

137 (7) Service of process is effectuated under this section on  
138 the date the service is received by the Department of State.

139 (8) The Department of State shall maintain a record of each  
140 process served pursuant to this section and record the time of  
141 and the action taken regarding the service.

142 Section 12. Section 48.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
143 read:

144 48.181 Substituted service on nonresidents and foreign  
145 business entities nonresident engaging in business in state or  
146 concealing their whereabouts.-

147 (1) As used in this section, the term "foreign business  
148 entity" means any corporation or other business entity that is  
149 incorporated, formed, or existing under the laws of any other  
150 state, territory, or commonwealth, or the laws of any foreign  
151 country.

152 (2) The acceptance by any individual person or persons,  
153 individually or associated together as a copartnership or any  
154 other form or type of association, who is a resident are  
155 residents of any other state, territory, or commonwealth, or of



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156 any foreign ~~or~~ country, or by any foreign business entity and  
157 all foreign corporations, and any person who is a resident of  
158 the state and who subsequently becomes a nonresident of the  
159 state or conceals his or her whereabouts, of the privilege  
160 extended by law to nonresidents and others to operate, conduct,  
161 engage in, or carry on a business or business venture in this  
162 the state, or to have an office or agency in this the state, is  
163 deemed to constitute ~~constitutes~~ an appointment by the  
164 individual or persons and foreign business entity corporations  
165 of the Secretary of State of this the state as its their agent  
166 on whom all process in any action or proceeding against the  
167 individual or foreign business entity them, or any combination  
168 thereof of them, arising out of any transaction or operation  
169 connected with or incidental to the business or business venture  
170 may be served as substituted service in accordance with this  
171 chapter. The acceptance of the privilege is signification of the  
172 agreement of the respective individual or persons and foreign  
173 business entity corporations that the process served against it  
174 in accordance with this chapter them which is so served is of  
175 the same validity as if served personally on the individual  
176 persons or foreign business entity corporations.

177 (3)(2) If a foreign business entity corporation has  
178 registered to do business a resident agent or officer in this  
179 the state and has maintained its registration in an active  
180 status or otherwise continued to have a registered agent,  
181 personal service of process must first shall be attempted served  
182 on the foreign business entity in the manner and order of  
183 priority described in this chapter as applicable to the foreign  
184 business entity. If, after due diligence, the party seeking to



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185 effectuate service of process is unable to effectuate service of  
186 process on the registered agent or other official as provided in  
187 this chapter, the party may use substituted service of process  
188 on the Secretary of State ~~resident agent or officer.~~

189 (4) Any individual or foreign business entity that conceals  
190 its whereabouts is deemed to have appointed the Secretary of  
191 State as its agent on whom all process may be served, in any  
192 action or proceeding against it, or any combination thereof,  
193 arising out of any transaction or operation connected with or  
194 incidental to any business or business venture carried on in  
195 this state by such individual or foreign business entity.

196 (5) ~~(3)~~ Any individual or foreign business entity that  
197 person, firm, or corporation which sells, consigns, or leases by  
198 any means whatsoever tangible or intangible personal property,  
199 through brokers, jobbers, wholesalers, or distributors to any  
200 individual person, firm, or corporation, or other business  
201 entity in this state is conclusively presumed to be both engaged  
202 in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and  
203 operating, conducting, engaging in, or carrying on a business or  
204 business venture in this state.

205 (6) Service pursuant to this section must be effectuated in  
206 the manner prescribed by s. 48.161.

207 Section 13. Section 48.184, Florida Statutes, is created to  
208 read:

209 48.184 Service of process for removal of unknown parties in  
210 possession.-

211 (1) This section applies only to actions governed by s.  
212 82.03, s. 83.21, s. 83.59, or s. 723.061 and only to the extent  
213 that such actions seek relief for the removal of unknown parties





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214 in possession of real property. The provisions of this section  
215 are cumulative to other provisions of law or rules of court  
216 about service of process, and all other such provisions are  
217 cumulative to this section.

218 (2) A summons must be issued in the name of "Unknown Party  
219 in Possession" when the name of an occupant of real property is  
220 not known to the plaintiff and the property occupied by the  
221 unknown party is identified in the complaint and summons. A  
222 separate summons must be issued for each such unknown occupant.

223 (3) The plaintiff shall attempt to serve the summons on any  
224 unknown occupant of the property described in the summons and  
225 complaint. If service on the unknown occupant is not effectuated  
226 on the first attempt, at least two additional attempts must be  
227 made. The three attempts to obtain service must be made once  
228 during business hours, once during nonbusiness hours, and once  
229 during a weekend. The process server shall make an inquiry as to  
230 the name of the unknown occupant at the time of service. The  
231 return of service must note the name of the occupant if obtained  
232 by the process server or state that the name of the occupant  
233 could not be obtained after inquiry. If the name of the occupant  
234 becomes known to the plaintiff through the return of service or  
235 otherwise, without notice or hearing thereon, all subsequent  
236 proceedings must be conducted under the true name of such  
237 occupant and all prior proceedings are deemed amended  
238 accordingly.

239 (4) Service of process must also be made on unknown  
240 occupants by both of the following means:

241 (a) By attaching the summons and complaint to a conspicuous  
242 location on the premises involved in the proceedings.



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243           (b) Upon issuance of the summons, by the plaintiff  
244 providing the clerk of the court with one additional copy of the  
245 summons and complaint for each unknown occupant and a prestamped  
246 envelope for each unknown occupant addressed to the unknown  
247 occupant at the address of the premises involved in the  
248 proceedings. The clerk of the court shall immediately mail a  
249 copy of the summons and complaint by first-class mail, note the  
250 fact of mailing in the docket, and file a certificate in the  
251 court file of the fact and date of mailing. The clerk of the  
252 court shall charge such fees for such services as provided by  
253 law.

254           (5) Service is effective on the unknown occupant in  
255 possession on the later of the date that personal service is  
256 made, the date of attaching the summons and complaint to a  
257 conspicuous location on the premises, or upon mailing by the  
258 clerk.

259           (6) The judgment and writ of possession must refer to any  
260 unknown occupant in possession by name if the name is shown on  
261 the return of service or is otherwise known to the plaintiff. If  
262 the name of any unknown occupant in possession is not shown on  
263 the return of service or otherwise known to the plaintiff and  
264 service has been effectuated as provided in this section, the  
265 judgment and writ of possession must refer to each such person  
266 as "Unknown Party in Possession," and the writ of possession  
267 must be executed by the sheriff by dispossessing the occupants  
268 and placing the plaintiff in possession of the property.

269           Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 48.194,  
270 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

271           48.194 Personal service in another ~~outside~~ state,



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272 territory, or commonwealth of the United States.-

273 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, service of process  
274 on a party in another persons outside of this state, territory,  
275 or commonwealth of the United States must shall be made in the  
276 same manner as service within this state by any person  
277 authorized to serve process in the state where service shall be  
278 made the person is served. No order of court is required. A  
279 ~~court may consider the~~ return-of-service form described in s.  
280 48.21, or any other competent evidence, must be filed with the  
281 court stating the time, manner, and place of service. The court  
282 may consider such evidence in determining whether service has  
283 been properly made. ~~Service of process on persons outside the~~  
284 ~~United States may be required to conform to the provisions of~~  
285 ~~the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and~~  
286 ~~Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters.~~

287 (2) When where in rem or quasi in rem relief is sought in a  
288 foreclosure proceeding as defined by s. 702.09, and the address  
289 of the person to be served is known, service of process on a  
290 person in another state, territory, or commonwealth outside of  
291 the United States this state where the address of the person to  
292 ~~be served is known~~ may be made by registered mail as follows:

293 (a) The party's attorney or the party, if the party is not  
294 represented by an attorney, shall place a copy of the original  
295 process and the complaint, petition, or other initial pleading  
296 or paper and, if applicable, the order to show cause issued  
297 pursuant to s. 702.10 in a sealed envelope with adequate postage  
298 addressed to the person to be served.

299 (b) The envelope must shall be placed in the mail as  
300 registered mail.



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301 (c) Service under this subsection is deemed ~~shall be~~  
302 ~~considered~~ obtained upon the signing of the return receipt by  
303 the person allowed to be served by law.

304 Section 15. Section 48.197, Florida Statutes, is created to  
305 read:

306 48.197 Service in a foreign country.-

307 (1) Service of process may be effectuated in a foreign  
308 country upon a party, other than a minor or an incompetent  
309 person, as provided in any of the following:

310 (a) By any internationally agreed-upon means of service  
311 reasonably calculated to give actual notice of the proceedings,  
312 such as those authorized by the Hague Convention on the Service  
313 Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or  
314 Commercial Matters.

315 (b) If there is no internationally agreed-upon means of  
316 service, or if an international agreement allows but does not  
317 specify other means, by a method reasonably calculated to give  
318 actual notice of the proceedings:

319 1. As prescribed by the foreign country's law for service  
320 in that country in an action in its courts of general  
321 jurisdiction;

322 2. As the foreign authority directs in response to a letter  
323 rogatory or letter of request; or

324 3. Unless prohibited by the foreign country's law, by:

325 a. If serving an individual, delivering a copy of the  
326 summons and of the complaint to the individual personally; or

327 b. Using any form of mail that the clerk addresses and  
328 sends to the party and which requires a signed receipt.

329 (c) Pursuant to motion and order by the court, by other



330 means, including electronically by e-mail or other technology,  
331 which the party seeking service shows is reasonably calculated  
332 to give actual notice of the proceedings and is not prohibited  
333 by international agreement, as the court orders.

334 (2) Service of process may be effectuated in a foreign  
335 country upon a minor or an incompetent person in the manner  
336 prescribed by subparagraph (1) (b)1., subparagraph (1) (b)2., or  
337 paragraph (1) (c).

338 Section 16. Subsection (15) of section 49.011, Florida  
339 Statutes, is amended to read:

340 49.011 Service of process by publication; cases in which  
341 allowed.—Service of process by publication may be made in any  
342 court on any party identified in s. 49.021 in any action or  
343 proceeding:

344 (15) To determine paternity, but only as to:

345 (a) The legal father in a paternity action in which another  
346 man is alleged to be the biological father, in which case it is  
347 necessary to serve process on the legal father in order to  
348 establish paternity with regard to the alleged biological  
349 father; or

350 (b) The legal mother when there is no legal father.

351 Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
352 subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsection  
353 (4) of section 766.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

354 766.106 Notice before filing action for medical negligence;  
355 presuit screening period; offers for admission of liability and  
356 for arbitration; informal discovery; review.—

357 (2) PRESUIT NOTICE.—

358 (a) After completion of presuit investigation pursuant to



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359 s. 766.203(2) and before ~~prior to~~ filing a complaint for medical  
360 negligence, a claimant shall notify each prospective defendant  
361 of intent to initiate litigation for medical negligence by at  
362 least one of the following verifiable means:

363 1. United States Postal Service certified mail, return  
364 receipt requested;

365 2. United States Postal Service mail with a tracking  
366 number;

367 3. An interstate commercial mail carrier or delivery  
368 service; or

369 4. Any person authorized by law to serve process.

370 (b)1. Proof of service made pursuant to this subsection and  
371 delivered to an address on file with the Department of Health,  
372 the Secretary of State, or the Agency for Health Care  
373 Administration creates a rebuttable presumption that service was  
374 received by the prospective defendant.

375 2. If service is challenged during subsequent litigation,  
376 the court must conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine  
377 whether the prospective defendant or a person legally related to  
378 the prospective defendant was provided notice pursuant to this  
379 subsection and, if so, the date of such service. If service is  
380 challenged under this subparagraph, it must be challenged in the  
381 first response to the complaint, and if:

382 a. The court determines that service was properly made at  
383 the prospective defendant's address as listed on the state  
384 licensing agency website or an address on file with the  
385 Secretary of State; and

386 b. The prospective defendant proves by the greater weight  
387 of the evidence that neither the prospective defendant nor a



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388 person legally related to the prospective defendant at the time  
389 of service knew or should have known of the service,  
390  
391 the court must stay the case for a presuit investigation period  
392 pursuant to s. 766.106, and the statute of limitations and  
393 statute of repose must be tolled from the time service was  
394 properly made at the prospective defendant's address as listed  
395 on the state licensing agency website or an address on file with  
396 the Secretary of State. The tolling shall end at the conclusion  
397 of the presuit investigation period provided for in this  
398 subsection, and the stay of litigation shall automatically end  
399 at the conclusion of the presuit investigation period by  
400 ~~certified mail, return receipt requested, of intent to initiate~~  
401 ~~litigation for medical negligence.~~

402       (c) Notice to each prospective defendant must include, if  
403 available, a list of all known health care providers seen by the  
404 claimant for the injuries complained of subsequent to the  
405 alleged act of negligence, all known health care providers  
406 during the 2-year period before ~~prior to~~ the alleged act of  
407 negligence who treated or evaluated the claimant, copies of all  
408 of the medical records relied upon by the expert in signing the  
409 affidavit, and the executed authorization form provided in s.  
410 766.1065.

411       (d) ~~(b)~~ Following the initiation of a suit alleging medical  
412 negligence with a court of competent jurisdiction, and service  
413 of the complaint upon a prospective defendant, the claimant  
414 shall provide a copy of the complaint to the Department of  
415 Health and, if the complaint involves a facility licensed under  
416 chapter 395, the Agency for Health Care Administration. The



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417 requirement of providing the complaint to the Department of  
418 Health or the Agency for Health Care Administration does not  
419 impair the claimant's legal rights or ability to seek relief for  
420 his or her claim. The Department of Health or the Agency for  
421 Health Care Administration shall review each incident that is  
422 the subject of the complaint and determine whether it involved  
423 conduct by a licensee which is potentially subject to  
424 disciplinary action, in which case, for a licensed health care  
425 practitioner, ~~the provisions of s. 456.073 applies~~ apply and,  
426 for a licensed facility, ~~the provisions of part I of chapter 395~~  
427 applies ~~apply~~.

428 (3) PRESUIT INVESTIGATION BY PROSPECTIVE DEFENDANT.—

429 (a) A ~~ne~~ suit may not be filed for a period of 90 days  
430 after notice is delivered ~~mailed~~ to any prospective defendant.  
431 During the 90-day period, the prospective defendant or the  
432 prospective defendant's insurer or self-insurer shall conduct a  
433 review as provided in s. 766.203(3) to determine the liability  
434 of the prospective defendant. Each insurer or self-insurer shall  
435 have a procedure for the prompt investigation, review, and  
436 evaluation of claims during the 90-day period. This procedure  
437 must ~~shall~~ include one or more of the following:

- 438 1. Internal review by a duly qualified claims adjuster;
- 439 2. Creation of a panel comprised of an attorney  
440 knowledgeable in the prosecution or defense of medical  
441 negligence actions, a health care provider trained in the same  
442 or similar medical specialty as the prospective defendant, and a  
443 duly qualified claims adjuster;
- 444 3. A contractual agreement with a state or local  
445 professional society of health care providers, which maintains a





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446 medical review committee; or

447 4. Any other similar procedure which fairly and promptly  
448 evaluates the pending claim.

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450 Each insurer or self-insurer shall investigate the claim in good  
451 faith, and both the claimant and prospective defendant shall  
452 cooperate with the insurer in good faith. If the insurer  
453 requires, a claimant must ~~shall~~ appear before a pretrial  
454 screening panel or before a medical review committee and shall  
455 submit to a physical examination, if required. Unreasonable  
456 failure of any party to comply with this section justifies  
457 dismissal of claims or defenses. There shall be no civil  
458 liability for participation in a pretrial screening procedure if  
459 done without intentional fraud.

460 (4) SERVICE OF PRESUIT NOTICE AND TOLLING.—The notice of  
461 intent to initiate litigation must ~~shall~~ be served within the  
462 time limits set forth in s. 95.11. However, upon mailing of the  
463 notice of intent to initiate litigation, as provided in  
464 subparagraph (2)(a)1., subparagraph (2)(a)2., or subparagraph  
465 (2)(a)3., and during the 90-day period provided in subsection  
466 (3), the statute of limitations is tolled as to all prospective  
467 potential defendants. If the notice of intent to initiate  
468 litigation is served by a process server as provided in  
469 subparagraph (2)(a)4., the statute of limitations is tolled upon  
470 the process server's first attempt to serve the prospective  
471 defendant and continues during the 90-day period as to all  
472 prospective defendants. Upon stipulation by the parties, the 90-  
473 day period may be extended and the statute of limitations is  
474 tolled during any such extension. Upon receiving notice of



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475 termination of negotiations in an extended period, the claimant  
476 shall have 60 days or the remainder of the period of the statute  
477 of limitations, whichever is greater, within which to file suit.  
478 As used in this section, the terms "prospective" and "potential"  
479 are interchangeable.

480 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

481 And the title is amended as follows:

482 Delete lines 30 - 62

483 and insert:

484 certain circumstances; amending s. 48.111, F.S.;

485 revising provisions related to service on public

486 agencies and officers; authorizing service on

487 specified persons under certain circumstances;

488 amending s. 48.151, F.S.; revising the applicability

489 of provisions relating to service on statutory agents

490 for certain persons; amending s. 48.161, F.S.;

491 revising provisions relating to substituted service;

492 providing for substituted service on individuals or

493 corporations or other business entities; specifying

494 actions that may be considered due diligence in

495 effectuating service; specifying when service is

496 considered effectuated; requiring the Department of

497 State to maintain certain records; amending s. 48.181,

498 F.S.; defining the term "foreign business entity";

499 revising provisions relating to substituted service;

500 providing for substituted service on certain

501 nonresidents and foreign business entities and on

502 individuals and foreign business entities concealing

503 their whereabouts; creating s. 48.184, F.S.; providing



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504 for service of process for removal of unknown parties  
505 in possession of real property; amending s. 48.194,  
506 F.S.; revising provisions relating to service outside  
507 this state but within the United States; deleting  
508 provisions relating to service outside the United  
509 States; creating s. 48.197, F.S.; providing for  
510 service in a foreign country; amending s. 49.011,  
511 F.S.; providing for constructive service on the legal  
512 mother in certain situations; amending s. 766.106,  
513 F.S.; revising requirements for service of presuit  
514 notice before filing a medical negligence complaint;  
515 creating a rebuttable presumption that service was  
516 received by a prospective defendant in certain  
517 circumstances; providing court duties if service is  
518 challenged during subsequent litigation; revising  
519 provisions concerning tolling of the statute of  
520 limitations upon service of presuit notice by  
521 specified means; specifying that the terms  
522 "prospective" and "potential" are interchangeable;  
523 amending ss. 495.145, 605.0117,