

By the Committee on Judiciary

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the delivery of notices; amending  
3       s. 1.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
4       "registered mail" for purposes of construction of the  
5       Florida Statutes; defining the term "return receipt  
6       requested" for purposes of construction of the Florida  
7       Statutes; providing for construction and retroactive  
8       application; providing an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 1.01, Florida  
13       Statutes, is amended, and subsection (20) is added to that  
14       section, to read:

15       1.01 Definitions.—In construing these statutes and each and  
16       every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will  
17       permit:

18       (11) The term ~~words~~ "registered mail" includes ~~include~~  
19       certified mail with return receipt requested. The term also  
20       includes any delivery service by the United States Postal  
21       Service or a private delivery service that is regularly engaged  
22       in the delivery of documents which provides proof of mailing or  
23       shipping and proof of delivery. Proof of delivery must be  
24       established by a receipt that is signed by the addressee or  
25       other responsible person at the delivery address.

26       (20) The term "return receipt requested" includes a  
27       delivery confirmation service by the United States Postal  
28       Service or a private delivery service that is regularly engaged  
29       in the mailing or shipping of documents and that confirms

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30 delivery by receipt that is signed by the addressee or other  
31 responsible person at the delivery address.

32 Section 2. The amendments made by this act to s. 1.01,  
33 Florida Statutes, are remedial in nature and apply  
34 retroactively.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.