

FOR CONSIDERATION 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.