

#### **504A.10 Service of process on corporation.**

The registered agent so appointed by a corporation shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the corporation may be served.

Whenever a corporation shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, then the secretary of state shall be an agent of such corporation upon whom any such process, notice, or demand may be served. Service on the secretary of state of any such process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the secretary, the secretary's deputy, or with any person having charge of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office, duplicate copies of such process, notice or demand. In the event any such process, notice or demand is served on the secretary of state, the secretary shall immediately cause one of the copies thereof to be forwarded by registered or certified mail, addressed to the corporation at its registered office. No corporation served in accordance with the procedure provided for by this paragraph shall be in default until thirty days have elapsed following such service on the secretary of state.

The secretary of state shall keep a record of all processes, notices and demands served upon the secretary under this section, and shall record therein the time of such service and the secretary's action with reference thereto.

Nothing herein contained shall limit or affect the right to serve any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 504A.10]