

#### **504A.74 Service of process on foreign corporation.**

Each registered agent so appointed by a foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state 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 foreign corporation authorized to conduct affairs in this state shall fail to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this state, or whenever any such registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, or whenever the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation shall be suspended or revoked, 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 such copies thereof to be forwarded by registered or certified mail, addressed to the corporation at its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated. Process, notice or demand served on the secretary of state upon a foreign corporation which has withdrawn from this state shall be mailed in the manner provided by this section to the corporation at the address set forth in its application for withdrawal. Any service so had on the secretary of state shall be returnable in not less than thirty days.

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.74]