

**512B.33 Service of process.**

1. A society authorized to do business in this state shall file in the office of the commissioner a power of attorney and an agreement in writing that service of process in any action or proceeding against the society may be served on the commissioner and shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the society, and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this state. Copies of the power of attorney, certified by the commissioner, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the appointment and shall be admitted in evidence with the same force and effect as the original.

2. Service of process shall only be made upon the commissioner, or if absent, upon the person in charge of the commissioner's office. Service shall be made in triplicate and shall constitute sufficient service upon the society. When legal process against a society is served upon the commissioner, the commissioner shall promptly forward one of the duplicate copies by registered mail, prepaid, directed to the secretary or corresponding officer of the society. A society shall not be required to file its answer, pleading, or defense in less than thirty days from the date of mailing the copy of the service to a society. Legal process shall not be served upon a society except in the manner provided in this section.

90 Acts, ch 1148, §34; 2003 Acts, ch 91, §23