

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 222, 1st Eng.  
SPONSOR: Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Crist  
SUBJECT: Service of Process  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Criminal Justice  
DATE: April 27, 2004

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### I. Amendments Contained in Message:

**House Amendment 1 – 530419** (body with title)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

**House Amendment 1** adds 2 additional sections to the bill. The primary effect of these sections is to expand the scope of the bill to specify additional types of written notice that may be served by regular mail.

The first new section amends s. 832.07, F.S., concerning *prima facie* evidence of intent to pass a worthless check, to allow the recipient of a worthless check to send notice to the maker by first-class mail, evidenced by an affidavit of service. Current law requires that notice be sent by certified or registered mail with return receipt. The amendment also requires the maker of a worthless check to make the check good within 15 days after written notice is sent to the address printed on the check or given at the time of issuance. Current law allows 7 days from receipt of written notice without specification of where notice is to be sent.

The second new section amends s. 409.257, F.S., to allow the Department of Revenue to issue witness subpoenas by regular United States mail in child support enforcement cases. Current law requires that such witness subpoenas be served by certified mail.

The amendment has no fiscal impact.