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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Margolis moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 141 and 142

insert:

Section 6. Section 624.423, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.423 Serving process.—

(1) Service of process upon the Chief Financial Officer as process agent of the insurer (under s. 624.422) shall be made by serving a copy ~~copies in triplicate~~ of the process upon the Chief Financial Officer or upon her or his assistant, deputy, or other person in charge of her or his office. Upon receiving such service, the Chief Financial Officer shall retain a record of



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14 ~~the process file one copy in her or his office, return one copy~~
15 ~~with her or his admission of service,~~ and promptly forward one
16 copy of the process by registered or certified mail to the
17 person last designated by the insurer to receive the same, as
18 provided under s. 624.422(2).

19 (2) Where process is served upon the Chief Financial
20 Officer as an insurer's process agent, the insurer shall not be
21 required to answer or plead except within 20 days after the date
22 upon which the Chief Financial Officer mailed a copy of the
23 process served upon her or him as required by subsection (1).

24 (3) Process served upon the Chief Financial Officer and
25 copy thereof forwarded as in this section provided shall for all
26 purposes constitute valid and binding service thereof upon the
27 insurer.

28 (4) For purposes of this section, records may be retained
29 in a paper copy or an electronic copy.

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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Between lines 30 and 31

34 insert:

35 amending s. 624.423, F.S.; reducing the number of
36 copies of a process that must be served on the Chief
37 Financial Officer as the agent of an insurer;