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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to process and service of process;
3	amending s. 48.031, F.S.; providing for service of
4	process when the only address discoverable through
5	public records for a person to be served is a virtual
6	office or an executive or mini office suite; providing
7	definitions; amending s. 48.193, F.S.; providing that
8	orders issued by agencies of other states are not
9	enforceable in certain circumstances; providing an
10	effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 48.031, Florida
15	Statutes, is amended to read:
16	48.031 Service of process generally; service of witness
17	subpoenas
18	(6) (a) If the only address for a person to be served,
19	which is discoverable through public records, is a private
20	mailbox, <u>a virtual office, or an executive or mini office suite,</u>
21	substitute service may be made by leaving a copy of the process
22	with the person in charge of the private mailbox, ${ m virtual}$
23	office, or executive or mini office suite, but only if the
24	process server determines that the person to be served maintains
25	a mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive or mini office
26	suite at that location.

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27 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "virtual office" means an office that provides communication and address services 28 29 without providing any dedicated office space, and the term "executive or mini office suite" means an office that provides 30 31 communication, dedicated office space, and other support services. In both types of offices, all communication is routed 32 33 through a common receptionist. Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 34 35 48.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 48.193 Acts subjecting person to jurisdiction of courts of 36 37 state.-38 (1)39 Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, an (b) order issued, or a penalty or fine imposed, by an agency of any 40 other state is shall not be enforceable against any person or 41 42 entity incorporated or having its principal place of business in 43 this state if where such other state does not provide a 44 mandatory right of review of such agency decision in a state 45 court of competent jurisdiction. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016. 46

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