

27 Section 2. Section 655.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended
 28 to read:

29 655.0201 Service of process, notice, levy, or demand on
 30 financial institutions.—

31 (1) Notwithstanding any other state law, this section
 32 establishes the proper location for service of process on a
 33 financial institution for all types of service of process to be
 34 made on a financial institution ~~Process against any financial~~
 35 ~~institution authorized by federal or state law to transact~~
 36 ~~business in this state may be served in accordance with chapter~~
 37 ~~48, chapter 49, chapter 605, or part I of chapter 607, as~~
 38 ~~appropriate.~~

39 (2) A ~~Any~~ financial institution authorized by federal or
 40 state law to transact business in this state may designate with
 41 the Department of State a place or registered agent located
 42 within the state as the financial institution's sole location or
 43 agent for service of process, notice, levy, or demand. Such
 44 place or registered agent must be open and available for service
 45 of process, notice, levy, or demand during regular business
 46 hours on regular business days, which, at a minimum, is any time
 47 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. local time, Monday
 48 through Friday, excluding federal and state holidays. After a
 49 financial institution designates a place or registered agent
 50 within the state, such place or registered agent is the sole
 51 location for service of process, including service for actions
 52 related to garnishment, levy, injunctions, lawsuits, and the

53 attachment of safety deposit boxes, in accordance with chapters
54 60, 76, and 77, and the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure
55 ~~required or permitted by law to be served on the financial~~
56 ~~institution. If the financial institution has no registered~~
57 ~~agent, or its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence~~
58 ~~be served, service may be made to any executive officer of the~~
59 ~~financial institution at its principal place of business in this~~
60 ~~state.~~

61 (3)(a) If a financial institution does not have a
62 registered agent or service cannot be made in accordance with
63 subsection (2), service may be made to any officer, director, or
64 business agent of the financial institution at its principal
65 place of business or at any other branch, office, or place of
66 business in the state.

67 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (2), any service required
68 or authorized to be made by the Office of Financial Regulation
69 under the financial institutions codes may be made to any
70 officer, director, or business agent of the financial
71 institution at its principal place of business or at any other
72 branch, office, or place of business in the state as set forth
73 in s. 655.031(2) ~~If service cannot be made in accordance with~~
74 ~~subsection (2), service may be made to any officer, director, or~~
75 ~~business agent of the financial institution at its principal~~
76 ~~place of business or at any other branch, office, or place of~~
77 ~~business in the state.~~

78 ~~(4) This section does not prescribe the only means, or~~

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79 | ~~necessarily the required means, of serving notice or demand on a~~
80 | ~~financial institution.~~

81 | Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.