



Sheriffs Support Streamlining Service of Process

The serving of subpoenas and summons, also known as the service of process, is a fundamental step which initiates judicial proceedings. While courts are moving to a paperless system, Sheriffs' Offices are still required to serve hard copies. Not only can it take deputies multiple attempts to reach intended recipients, but the cost of printing hundreds of pages and making multiple copies create significant financial costs on behalf of Sheriffs.

This bill creates the following efficiencies related to the service of process for Sheriffs Offices:

- Allows Sheriffs' Offices to collect \$40 from the person requesting the service for each writ or summon served.
- Clarifies the number of attempts of service of process by allowing a deputy to serve a business owner if he or she is temporarily out of the office.
- Creates a civil fine for employers who try to prevent service on an individual in a private area designated by an employer.
- Provides Sheriffs' Offices with specific direction in how to pay multiple lienholders, and protects the Sheriff in the event of a wrongful levy or payout.

This bill reduces the costs associated with the service of process and streamlines the process to allow Sheriffs' Offices to be more efficient in service and filing.

Vote YES on HB 627 by Representative Pilon & SB 620 Senator Detert

