
SENATE BILL 5018

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By Senator Nelson

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1 AN ACT Relating to service of process; and amending RCW 4.28.080.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.28.080 and 1991 sp.s. c 30 s 28 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The summons shall be served by delivering a copy thereof, as
6 follows:

7 (1) If the action be against any county in this state, to the
8 county auditor or, during normal office hours, to the deputy auditor,
9 or in the case of a charter county, summons may be served upon the
10 agent, if any, designated by the legislative authority.

11 (2) If against any town or incorporated city in the state, to the
12 mayor, city manager, or, during normal office hours, to the mayor's or
13 city manager's designated agent or the city clerk thereof.

14 (3) If against a school or fire district, to the superintendent or
15 commissioner thereof or by leaving the same in his or her office with
16 an assistant superintendent, deputy commissioner, or business manager
17 during normal business hours.

18 (4) If against a railroad corporation, to any station, freight,
19 ticket or other agent thereof within this state.

1 (5) If against a corporation owning or operating sleeping cars, or
2 hotel cars, to any person having charge of any of its cars or any agent
3 found within the state.

4 (6) If against a domestic insurance company, to any agent
5 authorized by such company to solicit insurance within this state.

6 (7) If against a foreign or alien insurance company, as provided in
7 chapter 48.05 RCW.

8 (8) If against a company or corporation doing any express business,
9 to any agent authorized by said company or corporation to receive and
10 deliver express matters and collect pay therefor within this state.

11 (9) If the suit be against a company or corporation other than
12 those designated in the preceding subdivisions of this section, to the
13 president or other head of the company or corporation, the registered
14 agent, secretary, cashier or managing agent thereof or to the
15 secretary, stenographer or office assistant of the president or other
16 head of the company or corporation, registered agent, secretary,
17 cashier or managing agent.

18 (10) If the suit be against a foreign corporation or nonresident
19 joint stock company, partnership or association doing business within
20 this state, to any agent, cashier or secretary thereof.

21 (11) If against a minor under the age of fourteen years, to such
22 minor personally, and also to his or her father, mother, guardian, or
23 if there be none within this state, then to any person having the care
24 or control of such minor, or with whom he or she resides, or in whose
25 service he or she is employed, if such there be.

26 (12) If against any person for whom a guardian has been appointed
27 for any cause, then to such guardian.

28 (13) If against a foreign or alien steamship company or steamship
29 charterer, to any agent authorized by such company or charterer to
30 solicit cargo or passengers for transportation to or from ports in the
31 state of Washington.

32 (14) If against a self-insurance program regulated by chapter 48.62
33 RCW, as provided in chapter 48.62 RCW.

34 (15) If against one spouse of a marital community, to either spouse
35 personally, or by leaving a copy of the summons at the house of their
36 usual abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then
37 resident therein. If the spouses do not reside together, each must be
38 served as for personal service on an individual.

1 (16) In all other cases, to the defendant personally, or by leaving
2 a copy of the summons at the house of his or her usual abode with some
3 person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein.

4 Service made in the modes provided in this section shall be taken
5 and held to be personal service.

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