any notice to the corporation may, in his absence, be left with any designated person or persons (a) at the principal office of the corporation in this State in the case of a corporation of this State, or (b) at the place designated as the address of such resident agent according to the records of the State Tax Commission in the case of a foreign corporation; and any service of process made on or notice delivered to a person so designated shall be equivalent to personal service on or delivery of notice to such resident agent.

In addition to any other method provided by law, service of process may be made in accordance with the provisions of this Section, in any proceeding at law or in equity, upon any corporation of this State or upon any foreign corporation qualified to do business herein or having a resident agent appointed pursuant to Section 331/2 of this Article, if two unsuccessful attempts be made during usual business hours on different business days (a) to serve process upon the resident agent of a corporation of this State at its principal office and such principal office shall be closed or the resident agent shall be absent therefrom and there shall be no one in such office authorized in the manner provided in Section 106 of this Article to accept such process, or (b) to serve process upon the resident agent of a foreign corporation qualified to do business in this State or having a resident agent appointed pursuant to Section 331/2 of this Article at the place designated as his address in the records of the State Tax Commission and such place shall be closed or the resident agent shall be absent therefrom and there shall be no one thereat authorized as aforesaid to accept such process. Thereupon, in any such case the return of the officer attempting to serve such process shall set forth the dates and hours when such service of process was attempted and other facts meeting the conditions hereinabove provided, and the corporation shall be conclusively presumed to have designated the State Tax Commission as its true and lawful attorney authorized to accept on its behalf service of such process, and service thereof upon the corporation may then be effected in the manner following:

Service upon any such corporation shall be made by leaving a copy of the process with a fee of two dollars in the office of the State Tax Commission with any member of the Commission or with its Secretary and such service shall be sufficient service upon the said corporation and of full force and effect in any court and before any justice of the peace of this State; provided, however, that notice