

ments and transferred, as so repealed and re-enacted, to Article 75 of said Annotated Code, and renumbered as new Section 75A of said Article 75; and that Sections 94, 96 (d) and 98 of said Article, title, subheading and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and transferred to said Article 75 and renumbered as Sections 75C, 75B (a) (2) and 75B (b) of said Article 75, respectively; and that a new Section 75B (a) (1) of said Article 75 be and the same is hereby enacted, all as follows:

**[95]** 75A. *Venue of Suit*

(a) Every corporation of this State and every foreign corporation subject to suit in this State may be sued in the county in which is located its principal office in this State, or where it regularly does business, or **[in any local action]** where the subject matter **[thereof]** of the action lies.

(b) If any corporation of this State or any foreign corporation subject to suit in this State has no principal office in this State and is not regularly doing business in any county of this State, such corporation may be sued either in Baltimore City or in the county of this State where the plaintiff resides, or **[in any local action]** where the subject matter **[thereof]** of the action lies.

(c) Whenever any corporation of this State or any foreign corporation has become surety on any bond required by law to be filed with any court of this State or with any register of wills, public board or official, suit against such corporation on such bond may be brought in the county where such bond is filed.

75B. *Corporations-Service of Process*

(a) *Except to the extent otherwise specifically provided by a statute of this State—*

(1) *All service of process upon a domestic or foreign corporation in any judicial proceeding shall be governed by the Maryland Rules of Procedure, whether or not such proceeding is before a court or judicial officer to which such Rules are applicable by their own terms.*

**[96(d)]** (2) *If any corporation of this State, or any foreign corporation required by any statute of this State to have a resident agent, or any foreign corporation subject to suit in this State [under Section 92 of this Article], (1) has not a resident agent, or (2) has one or more resident agents and an unsuccessful attempt[s] [have] has been made [on difference business days] to serve process [either twice upon one resident agent or once upon each of two resident agents,] on such corporation in the manner provided by the Maryland Rules of Procedure, such corporation shall be conclusively presumed to have designated the [Commission] Department as its true and lawful attorney authorized to accept on its behalf service of process in the action in which such process issued, and in such case such process may be served upon the [Commission] Department as the true and lawful attorney of such corporation.*

**[98]** (b) *When service of process upon any corporation of this State or upon any foreign corporation is lawfully made by leaving copies of the process in the office of the [Commission] Department, [as provided in this subtitle:] [(a) I] it shall be the duty of the [Commission] Department forthwith to record the day and hour of such service and to forward by registered or certified mail, return*