

(e) No plaintiff or complainant shall be entitled to a judgment by default until the expiration of forty-five (45) days from the date of filing of the affidavit of compliance.

(f) Nothing contained in this subtitle shall limit or abridge the right to serve any process, notice or demand upon any person or insurer in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

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(a) Any act of doing an insurance business as set forth in Section 203 of this Article by any unauthorized person or insurer is equivalent to and shall constitute an irrevocable appointment by such person or insurer, binding upon him, his executor, administrator or personal representative, or successor in interest if a corporation, of the Secretary of State, his successor or successors in office to be the true and lawful attorney of such person or insurers upon whom may be served all legal process in any action, suit or proceeding in any court by the Commissioner or by the State and upon whom may be served any notice, order, pleading or process in any proceeding before the Commissioner and which arises out of doing an insurance business in this State by such person or insurer. Any act of doing an insurance business as set forth in Section 203 of this Article by any unauthorized person or insurer shall be signification of its agreement that any such legal process in such court action, suit or proceeding and any such notice, order, pleading or process in such administrative proceeding before the Commissioner so served shall be of the same legal force and validity as personal service of process in this State upon such person or insurer, or upon his executor, administrator or personal representative, or its successor in interest if a corporation.

(b) Such service of process in such action, suit or proceeding in any court or such notice, order, pleading or process in such administrative proceeding authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall be made by leaving two copies thereof with the Secretary of State or some person in apparent charge of his office. A certificate by the Secretary of State showing such service and attached to the original or third copy of such process presented to him for that purpose shall be sufficient evidence thereof. Service upon the Secretary of State as such attorney shall be service upon the principal.

(c) The Secretary of State shall forthwith mail one copy of such court process or such notice, order, pleading or process in proceedings before the Commissioner to the defendant in such court proceeding or to whom the notice, order, pleading or process in such administrative proceeding is addressed or directed at its last known principal place of business and shall keep a record of all process so served on him which shall show the day and hour of service. Such service is sufficient, provided notice of such service and a copy of the court process or the notice, order, pleading or process in such administrative proceeding are sent within ten (10) days thereafter by registered mail by the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney in the court proceeding or by the Commissioner in the administrative proceeding to the defendant in the court proceeding or to whom the notice, order, pleading or process in such administrative proceeding is addressed or directed at its last known principal place of business of the defendant in the court or administrative proceeding, and the