

(b) If a tenant dies and no personal representative is appointed by a court having jurisdiction, or if an officer of the nonexistent corporation cannot be found and, therefore, service of process is returned non est, then, on application of the plaintiff, an order may be passed requiring a copy of the petition for distress to be posted at the courthouse door at least one week before the date of sale. Failure of the plaintiff to apply for the order subjects [him] THE PLAINTIFF to suit by the personal representative of the deceased tenant, or by the officer or surviving directors of the nonexistent corporation for any loss or damage sustained. If the plaintiff makes application for the order, [he] THE PLAINTIFF is under no liability either to the estate of the deceased tenant, or to the surviving trustees or officers of the nonexistent corporation.

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If the court finds that any notice required under this subtitle to be sent by mail actually has not been received by the person to whom the notice was addressed and that injustice will result, the court shall order a stay of further proceedings until it is satisfied that the person has had an opportunity to protect [his] THE PERSON'S interests.

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(b) (1) Whenever any landlord shall desire to repossess any premises to which [he] THE LANDLORD is entitled under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, [he] THE LANDLORD or [his] THE LANDLORD'S duly qualified agent or attorney shall make [his] THE LANDLORD'S written complaint under oath or affirmation, before the District Court of the county wherein the property is situated, describing in general terms the property sought to be repossessed, and also setting forth the name of the tenant to whom the property is rented or [his] THE TENANT'S assignee or subtenant with the amount of rent due and unpaid; and praying by warrant to repossess the premises, together with judgment for the amount of rent due and costs. The District Court shall issue its summons, directed to any constable or sheriff of the county entitled to serve process, and ordering [him] THE CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF to notify by first-class mail the tenant, assignee, or subtenant to appear before the District Court at the trial to be held on the fifth day after the filing of the complaint, to answer the landlord's complaint to show cause why the prayer of the landlord should not be granted, and the constable or sheriff shall proceed to serve the summons upon the tenant, assignee or subtenant in the property or upon [his] THE TENANT'S, ASSIGNEE'S, OR SUBTENANT'S known or authorized agent, but if for any reason, neither the tenant, assignee or subtenant, nor [his] THE TENANT'S, ASSIGNEE'S, OR SUBTENANT'S agent, can be found, then the constable or sheriff shall affix an attested copy of the summons conspicuously upon the property. The affixing of the summons upon the property after due notification to the tenant, assignee, or subtenant by first-class mail shall conclusively be presumed to be a sufficient service to all persons to support the entry of a default judgment for possession of the premises, together with court costs, in favor of the landlord, but it shall not be sufficient service to support a default judgment in favor of the landlord for the amount of rent due.