



**House
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**SMALL CLAIMS: ALLOW
SUBSTITUTE SERVICE OF PROCESS**

House Bill 6013

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Nye

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Complete to 11-12-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6013 AS INTRODUCED 9-10-96

The Revised Judicature Act (RJA) requires that service of small claims civil process be by certified mail ("return receipt requested and deliverable to the addressee only") or by personal service. ("Service of process" refers generally to the delivery of writs or summonses which give notice to a defendant of proceedings initiated against him or her, so that he or she has the opportunity to appear in court and be heard.) The bill would amend the RJA to allow service by substitute service (such as posting or advertising) as well.

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