

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.8196 Service of process.

Sec. 8196. (1) Each society authorized to do business in this state shall appoint in writing the commissioner and each successor in office to be its true and lawful attorney upon whom all lawful process in any action or proceeding against it shall be served, and shall agree in that writing that any lawful process against it that is served on the commissioner shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the society, and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this state. Copies of the appointment, certified by the commissioner, shall be sufficient evidence thereof and shall be admitted in evidence with the same force and effect as the original might be admitted.

(2) Service shall only be made upon the commissioner, or the commissioner's deputy. Service shall be made in duplicate and shall constitute sufficient service upon the society. If legal process against a society is served upon the commissioner, the commissioner shall forward immediately 1 of the duplicate copies prepaid and directed to the secretary or corresponding officer of the society. Such service shall not require a society to file its answer, pleading, or defense in less than 30 days from the date of mailing the copy of the service to a society. Legal process shall not be served upon a society except in the manner provided in this section and upon payment of the fee specified in section 456.

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