

Topic: Service of Process Question
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Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	<p>In Arizona, the Corporation Commission Corporations Division is the agent for corporations and LLCs under circumstances where the entity's statutory agent refuses service or cannot be found. Attempted service by a registered process server is required first, before we will accept service. The fee is set by statute at \$25 per instance of service.</p> <p>I believe that our Dept of Insurance acts as the stat agent for insurance companies, and I don't know the fee.</p>
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
District of Columbia	<p>In the District of Columbia we accept service of process and the fee is \$50.</p> <p>Here is the link for our service of process site: http://dcra.dc.gov/DC/DCRA/For+Business/Corporate+Registration/Service+of+Process+Information</p>
Florida	The Florida Department of State will accept substitute service of process under certain circumstances. The fee is \$8.75 per defendant.
Georgia	

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<p>Hawaii</p>	<p>With our office, service of process can be made on our department director where a foreign entity withdraws or cancels its registration. The service of process fee is \$10.00</p>
<p>Idaho</p>	
<p>Illinois</p>	
<p>Indiana</p>	
<p>Iowa</p>	
<p>Kansas</p>	
<p>Kentucky</p>	
<p>Louisiana</p>	
<p>Maine</p>	
<p>Maryland</p>	
<p>Massachusetts</p>	<p>http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cor/corpweb/corsop/sopin.htm Massachusetts charges \$10, and the guidelines are detailed in the above link to our website.</p>
<p>Michigan</p>	
<p>Minnesota</p>	
<p>Mississippi</p>	
<p>Missouri</p>	
<p>Montana</p>	<p>The Montana Secretary of State's office does accept service of process for business entities in specific instances. The Fees are \$10.00 per name/per address. The Insurance Commissioner takes service of process for Insurance related issues. (MCA 33-1-602). I don't have information about their fees.</p>
<p>Nebraska</p>	
<p>Nevada</p>	

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New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	North Carolina accepts Service of Process and the fee is \$10 per document served.
North Dakota	The North Dakota Secretary of State is agent for service of process in some circumstances. The fee charged for the service is \$25.00.
Ohio	Ohio also accepts service of process in certain situations, and the fee is \$5.00.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma accepts service of process for all entities for which we are the registered agent. The service fee is \$25.00.
Oregon	Oregon accepts service of process for non-registered businesses doing business in Oregon and inactive foreign registrations. We charge \$20. FWIW, the key difference I've seen among the states in the past is that some do something (such as forward the service to last known address) with the service, and some states do not. We do nothing more than log the service.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania will accept service of process if there is a court order from a Pennsylvania judge. The complaint must be received via certified mail and there is a fee of \$70 per defendant.
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	Fee in Texas is \$40 for maintaining the record of service of process
Utah	Utah no longer accepts service of process (with the exception of out-of-state motorists - \$15.00) since we passed the Model Registered Agent Act.
Vermont	

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Virginia	In Virginia, the Clerk of the Commission is the statutory agent for a business entity in many situations. The fee to accept service of process is \$30.00.
Washington	<p>Here is the breakdown of our Service of Process for Washington State.</p> <p>For corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and non-profit corporations formed in Washington State and for corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and non-profit corporations formed outside Washington State and registered with the Corporations Division, our office will act as agent if the plaintiff has been unable to achieve service for one of the following reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registered agent refuses to accept service. • The registered agent is unavailable or cannot be located for service. • The registered agent has resigned and the entity has not appointed a new agent. • The out of state entity is inactive. • The out of state entity is not registered with the Secretary of State <p>In all cases, you must provide an Affidavit of Attempted Service or state in your cover letter the reason that you have been unable to achieve service on the entity through its' registered agent. To serve our office, provide the following: Cover letter stating the exact name and UBI number of the entity, the reason the agent cannot be served at the registered office address, two copies of all documents for service and the \$50.00 filing fee. You must provide an address for unregistered out of state entities. Additional addresses for out of state entities are \$50.00 each</p> <p>NON RESIDENT MOTORISTS</p> <p>For a non resident motorist or a resident motorist who cannot be located within the State, provide a cover letter stating the last known address (if known) and two copies of the documents for service. The filing fee is \$50.00 per individual, per address, per marital community or per entity. You may serve our office by mail or in person.</p>
West Virginia	West Virginia is the attorney-in-fact for all corporations including insurance companies. Fee is \$25
Wisconsin	Wisconsin accepts service of process under certain statutes and the fee is \$10.00.
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

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We are very appreciative of your time and any information you can provide.

Have a great day!

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