

## CHAPTER 2015-51

### Senate Bill No. 570

An act relating to service of process of witness subpoenas; amending s. 48.031, F.S.; providing that service of a subpoena on a witness in a civil traffic case may be made by United States mail directed to the witness at the last known address and that such service must be mailed before a specified period; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 48.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

48.031 Service of process generally; service of witness subpoenas.—

(3)(a) The service of process of witness subpoenas, whether in criminal cases or civil actions, shall be made as provided in subsection (1). However, service of a subpoena on a witness in a civil traffic case, a criminal traffic case, a misdemeanor case, or a second degree or third degree felony may be made by United States mail directed to the witness at the last known address, and the service must be mailed at least 7 days prior to the date of the witness's required appearance. Failure of a witness to appear in response to a subpoena served by United States mail that is not certified may not be grounds for finding the witness in contempt of court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor May 21, 2015.

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