

House Engrossed Senate Bill
service of process; evaluation agencies

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SENATE BILL 1113

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-510.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-510.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 36-510.01. Notice; personal service of process

5 A. A person who is ordered to undergo involuntary evaluation has
6 the right to receive by personal service the documents specified in
7 section 36-529, subsection E. A person who is the subject of a petition
8 for court-ordered treatment has the right to receive by personal service
9 the documents specified in section 36-536, subsection D. Personal service
10 shall be completed by a peace officer, ~~OR~~ a process server or ~~BY~~ another
11 person ~~authorized by rule 4, Arizona rules of civil procedure AS~~
12 ~~PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR COURT RULE OR AS ORDERED BY THE COURT~~, personally
13 handing the documents to the person receiving service. The person who
14 serves the specified documents must file a proof of service with the court
15 that specifies the date, time and manner of service.

16 B. ~~IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS CHAPTER INVOLVING A PETITION FOR~~
17 ~~COURT-ORDERED EVALUATION OR COURT-ORDERED TREATMENT, IF THE PROPOSED~~
18 ~~PATIENT IS ADMITTED TO A FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED AS A SCREENING AGENCY~~
19 ~~OR AN EVALUATION AGENCY PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AT THE TIME THE PETITION~~
20 ~~IS FILED, THE COURT MAY AUTHORIZE A PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE SCREENING~~
21 ~~AGENCY OR EVALUATION AGENCY TO SERVE THE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION~~
22 ~~36-529, SUBSECTION E OR SECTION 36-536, SUBSECTION D, AS APPLICABLE, ON~~
23 ~~THE PROPOSED PATIENT.~~

24 ~~B.~~ C. A county, city or town that employs peace officers may
25 contract with a process server ~~or another person authorized by rule 4,~~
26 ~~Arizona rules of civil procedure~~, A SCREENING AGENCY OR AN EVALUATION
27 AGENCY to provide service pursuant to this section instead of service by a
28 peace officer.

29 ~~C.~~ D. An evaluation agency ~~OR SCREENING AGENCY~~ is not financially
30 responsible ~~UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION~~ for serving the documents
31 required by section 36-529, subsection E or section 36-536, subsection D.

32 E. ~~AN EVALUATION AGENCY OR SCREENING AGENCY MAY ONLY RECEIVE~~
33 ~~REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS~~
34 ~~SECTION PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH A COUNTY.~~