Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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| 2 | 83rd General AssemblyA B1IIAct 1815 of 2001 |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2001HOUSE BILL2272 |
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| 5 | By: Representative R. Smith |
| 6 | By: Senator T. Smith |
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| 9 | For An Act To Be Entitled |
| 10 | AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 4-27-504 TO |
| 11 | INCREASE METHODS OF SERVICE ON A CORPORATION WHEN |
| 12 | THERE IS NO REGISTERED AGENT; AND FOR OTHER |
| 13 | PURPOSES. |
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| 18 | CORPORATION WHEN THERE IS NO REGISTERED |
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| 22 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: |
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| 24 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 4-27-504 is amended to read as follows: |
| 25 | A. A corporation's registered agent is the corporation's agent for |
| 26 | service of process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be |
| 27 | served on the corporation. |
| 28 | B. If a corporation has no registered agent, or the agent cannot, with |
| 29 | reasonable diligence be served, the corporation may be served by registered |
| 30 | or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the secretary of |
| 31 | the corporation at its principal office. Service is perfected under this |
| 32 | subsection at the earliest of: |
| 33 | 1. The date the corporation receives the mail; |
| 34 | 2. The date shown on the return receipt, if signed on behalf of the |
| 35 | corporation; or |
| 36 | 3. Five (5) days after its deposit in the United States mail, as |



| 1 | evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postpaid and correctly |
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| 2 | addressed. |
| 3 | <u>C. If a corporation has no registered agent, or the agent cannot, with</u> |
| 4 | reasonable due diligence, be served and service has been attempted and failed |
| 5 | under subsection B., service of process, notice, or demand required or |
| 6 | permitted by law to be served on the corporation may be made upon any |
| 7 | corporation with twenty-five (25) or less locations by physical personal |
| 8 | service on any officer of the corporation at any location of the corporation. |
| 9 | D. Subsection C. shall not apply to public utilities. |
| 10 | C. <u>E.</u> This section does not prescribe the only means, or necessarily |
| 11 | the required means, of serving a corporation. |
| 12 | /s/ R. Smith |
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