

annually coming into his hands under the provisions of this chapter, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and for a faithful accounting for all sums received and expended thereunder, which bond shall be approved by the attorney general.

SEC. 15. If any section or part of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other sections or parts of this act or the application thereof, if it can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable and independent of any other provision of law. Severability.

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## CHAPTER 143.

[ H. B. 124. ]

### FOREIGN CORPORATIONS—AGENTS.

AN ACT relating to the qualifications of foreign corporations to do business in this state; providing for the appointment of an agent in this state; validating certain previous appointments; adding three new sections to chapter 23.52 RCW; and repealing section 18, chapter 70, Laws of 1937, and RCW 23.52.050.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 23.52 RCW, New section.  
a new section to read as follows:

Every foreign corporation must also constitute Appointment  
of agents  
required.  
and appoint an agent, which agent may be either an individual residing in the state, who shall have his place of residence or a business office at the place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located, or a corporation author-

Requisites of  
appointment.

ized to do business and act as such agent in this state, having a business office at the place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located, to be designated as hereinafter required. Such appointment shall be in writing, signed by the president or a vice-president of such corporation, and shall be attested by its corporate seal, and shall contain the name of the agent, the address, including street and number, if any, of the business office of said agent, the place where the principal office in this state of such corporation is to be located, and shall authorize such agent to accept service of process in any action or suit pertaining to the property, business or transactions of such corporation within this state in which such corporation may be a party. The signature of such president or vice-president, attested by the corporate seal to such written appointment, shall be sufficient proof of the appointment of such agent. Such appointment, when duly executed, shall be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state by such corporation and shall be there recorded; and such corporation shall have and keep continually some agent, empowered as aforesaid during all the time such corporation shall conduct or carry on any business within this state, and service of any process, pleading, notice or other paper on such agent shall be taken and held as due service on such corporation. Service of any such process, pleadings, notice or other paper upon the agent appointed as herein set forth may be made:

Service on  
agents.

(1) By serving a copy thereof on its president, a vice-president, an assistant vice-president, the secretary or an assistant secretary, if such agent is a corporation; or

(2) By serving a copy thereof on the individual agent, if such agent is an individual; or

(3) As otherwise provided by law.

Change of  
agents.

Such corporation may change its agent or its

principal office in this state, from time to time, by filing and recording with the secretary of state a new appointment, stating the change of such agent or the change in the principal office.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 23.52 RCW, a New section.

In the event such foreign corporation shall withdraw from this state and cease to transact business therein it shall continue to keep and maintain such agent within this state upon whom service of process, pleadings and papers may be made, until the statutes of limitations shall have run against anyone bringing an action against said corporation, which accrued prior to its withdrawal from this state. In case said corporation shall revoke the authority of its designated agent after its withdrawal from the state and prior to the time when the statutes of limitations would have run against causes of action accruing against it, then in that event service of process, pleadings and papers in such actions may be made upon the secretary of state, and the same shall be held as due and sufficient service upon such corporation. Withdrawal of corporation from state.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 23.52 RCW, a New section.

The agent and the principal office in this state of each foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state on the effective date of this act shall be the agent and the principal place of business in this state of record in the office of the secretary of state on such date, until such agent or principal office is changed as provided in this act. Agent and principal offices on effective date of act deemed same until changed.

SEC. 4. Section 18, chapter 70, Laws of 1937 and RCW 23.52.050 are each hereby repealed.

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