**Section 206.40 Service of Process Requirements**

a) Every domestic insurance company desiring to transact business in Illinois may designate a registered agent to accept all lawful service of process in Illinois by:

1) Specific designations within the company's initial filing of its Articles of Incorporation with the Department; or

2) Amending the domestic insurance company's Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Section 29, 57 or 80 of the Code.

b) Registered Office

1) The registered agent designated by a domestic insurance company must have a registered office within the State of Illinois. The registered office must be located at a street address (a P.O. Box alone is not acceptable) within the State of Illinois.

2) The address of the registered office must be provided in the insurance company's Articles of Incorporation or amended Articles of Incorporation.

c) If a domestic insurance company chooses not to designate a registered agent, service of process may be made on any officer or director of the company pursuant to Section 2-204 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure [735 ILCS 5].