

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Service of Process in Eviction Actions****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6004** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**§6004. Commencement of action**

Until September 1, 2016, the process of forcible entry and detainer must be commenced and service made in the same manner as other civil actions, except that if at least 3 good faith efforts on 3 different days have been made to serve the defendant, service may be accomplished by both mailing the summons and complaint by first-class mail to the defendant's last known address and leaving the summons and complaint at the defendant's last and usual place of abode. If service has been made by mailing and posting the summons and complaint, the plaintiff shall file with the court an affidavit demonstrating that compliance with the requirement of service has occurred. When the plaintiff lives out of the State and a recognizance is required of the plaintiff, any person may recognize in the plaintiff's behalf and is personally liable. This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2016.

Beginning September 1, 2016, the process of forcible entry and detainer must be commenced and service made in the same manner as other civil actions. When the plaintiff lives out of the State and a recognizance is required of the plaintiff, any person may recognize in the plaintiff's behalf and is personally liable.