

17-24-401. "Long arm" jurisdiction.

Any nonresident person, partnership, association, or any foreign corporation not authorized to do business in this state whose sole business contact with this state is the soliciting of accounts in this state by mail, telephone, telegraph, or by other like means originating outside this state, or the taking or accepting for collection of any account or accounts in this state by such means, shall by such acts:

(1) Subject himself or herself to the jurisdiction of the proper courts of this state under the procedure provided in

§§ 17-24-403 and 17-24-404 on any cause of action arising out of or connected with the collection of any such account or accounts; (2) Be deemed to have consented to comply with the maximum collection charges or fees provided in

§ 17-24-309; and (3) Be deemed to have consented to and designated the Secretary of State to be the true and lawful attorney of the person, partnership, association, or corporation upon whom may be served all legal process in any action, suit, or proceeding in any court by any resident of this state arising out of or connected with the collection of any such account or accounts. Such acts shall be signification of its agreement that any legal process in any court action or suit so served shall be of the same legal force and validity as personal service of process in this state upon the person, partnership, association, or corporation. Service of process shall be made upon the Secretary of State pursuant to

§ 17-24-403.

History. Acts 1965, No. 145, § 1; 1969, No. 214, §§ 1, 3; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2001, 71-2012; Acts 1997, No. 1213, § 3; 1999, No. 1500, § 4.