

29.4 Filing of Complaint, Petition, or Other Document Requiring Service of Process.

(a) An electronically filed petition or other document requiring service of process may be served in any of the following ways:

(i) The clerk of court may print the electronic summons and petition and the sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall serve the documents in such manner as required by Georgia law for the specific pleading; or

(ii) The clerk of court may deliver the electronic summons and petition to the sheriff or the sheriff's designee; the sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall print the summons and petition and shall serve the documents in such manner as required by Georgia law for the specific pleading; or

(iii) The clerk of court may deliver the electronic summons and petition to a private process server approved by the court; the private process server shall then print the summons and petition and shall serve the documents in the manner required by Georgia law for the specific pleading.

(b) In all cases, the summons and petition shall have affixed or logically associated to it the court's seal, signature, or some other evidence of authenticity.

(c) Except for service of a petition or other document requiring personal service, electronic service is complete at the time of successful transmission, but any period of notice or any right or duty to do any act or make any response within any period or on a date certain after the service of the document, which time period or date is prescribed by statute or rule of court, shall be extended after service by electronic transmission by two business days. This extension applies in the absence of a specific exception provided for by any other statute or rule of court.