HB 396 -- Service of Process on Local Governments

Sponsor: Nance

This bill adds requirements to the service of process in cases where a city or county is a party in a suit. In cases where a county is a party, the bill adds the chief executive officer of any county entity which is named as a defendant in a suit to the list of people to whom a copy of the summons must be delivered. In the case of a city, the bill removes the option of a copy of the summons to the mayor, city clerk, or city attorney and requires it to be delivered to the chief executive officer of the city, the chief executive officer of any city entity which is named as a defendant in the suit, and the city clerk or city attorney.