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In Senate, February 21, 2023

An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 310, §52, is
3	further amended to read:
4	3. Return of ballot by 3rd person. A 3rd person shall, unless good cause is shown,
5	return an absentee ballot to the clerk's office within 2 business days of the date that ballot
6	was provided to the 3rd person or by the close of the polls on election day, whichever is
7	earlier. The clerk shall inform the 3rd person of the deadline for the return of the ballot. \underline{A}
8	3rd person may not return more than 2 absentee ballots per day.
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9	SUMMARY
10	This bill prohibits a 3rd person from returning to a municipal clerk's office more than
11	2 absentee ballots per day.