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S.P. 329

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

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. A
8 3rd person may not return more than 2 absentee ballots per day.

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.