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House of Representatives, March 22, 2021

### An Act To Provide Secured Drop Boxes for Absentee Ballots

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, McCREIGHT of Harpswell,  
RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, TUTTLE of Sanford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §765** is enacted to read:

3 **§765. Absentee ballot secured drop boxes**

4 The Secretary of State may provide to each municipality secured drop boxes that are  
5 accessible by only the municipal clerk for depositing a voted absentee ballot in accordance  
6 with section 754-A, subsection 1, paragraph D.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 Current law authorizes voters or immediate family members of voters to return a voted  
9 absentee ballot by depositing the ballot into a secured drop box accessible by only the  
10 municipal clerk. This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to provide to each municipality  
11 secured drop boxes that are accessible by only the municipal clerk for depositing a voted  
12 absentee ballot.