

1 S.348

2 Representative Beck of St. Johnsbury moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 92, Sec.
4 3, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
5 new subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) If the Secretary of State orders or permits the mailing of 2020 General
7 Election ballots to all registered voters pursuant to subsection (a) of this
8 section, such a ballot shall not be collected or returned by a candidate in the
9 election, the candidate's family member, the candidate's campaign staff, a
10 political party, a political action committee, a corporation, a labor organization,
11 a lobbyist employer, or any person acting on behalf of one or more of those
12 persons, unless the person is a voter returning his or her own ballot.

13 (1)(A) Any person who collects or returns a ballot in violation of this
14 subsection shall be fined not more than \$100.00 per violation for the first three
15 violations, not more than \$500.00 per violation for the fourth through ninth
16 violations, and not more than \$1,000.00 per violation for the tenth and
17 subsequent violations.

18 (B) The Attorney General or a State's Attorney, whenever he or she
19 has reason to believe any person to be or to have been in violation of this
20 subsection, shall conduct a civil investigation in accordance with the
21 procedures set forth in 17 V.S.A. § 2904.

- 1 (2) As used in this subsection, “family member” means a spouse, child,
2 sibling, parent, spouse’s parent, grandparent, or spouse’s grandparent.