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2 Representative McCarthy of St. Albans City moves that the report of the
3 Committee on Government Operations be further amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 11, 17 V.S.A. § 2543a, by striking out subsection (e) in its
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 (e)(1) Ballots may be deposited in the drop boxes until the close of
7 business on the day before the election. At the close of business, the drop box
8 shall be closed and instructions affixed to the drop box instructing the voter to
9 return the voter’s voted ballot to the polling place on the day of the election.

10 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a board of civil
11 authority may vote to allow ballots to be deposited in the drop boxes until not
12 later than the closing of the polls on election day.

13 Second: In Sec. 13, 17 V.S.A. § 2546, by striking out subsection (b) in its
14 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 (b) Beginning five business days preceding the election, the clerk is not
16 required to mail a notice to those voters whose ballots have been deemed
17 defective. In these cases, the clerk shall make a reasonable effort to provide
18 notice to the voter as soon as possible using any contact information for the
19 voter, other than the mailing address, that is contained in the voter checklist
20 and shall record the ballot as defective in the online election management
21 system not later than 24 hours after the ballot is deemed defective.