

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Election Law – Voter Registration - Felons**

30 FOR the purpose of removing the restriction that prohibits certain felons who have more  
40 than one convicted from being deemed qualified to register to vote; altering the  
50 qualifications for voter registration for certain felons who have completed a certain  
60 court-ordered sentence imposed upon them; providing for the termination of certain  
70 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the rights of certain felons to register  
80 to vote in the State of Maryland.

90 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
100 Article 33 – Election Law  
110 Section 3-102  
120 Annotated Code of Maryland  
130 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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160 Section 3-102  
170 Annotated Code of Maryland  
180 (As enacted by S.B. 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

190 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE  
200 that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

210 **Article 33 - Election Code**

220 3-102

230 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may become  
240 registered to vote if the individual:

- 250 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- 260 (2) Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of the  
270 next succeeding general or special election;
- 280 (3) Is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to register; and
- 290 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

300 (b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

- 310 (1) Has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the individual:
  - 320 (i) Has been pardoned; or
  - 330 (ii) ~~In connection with a first conviction, has~~ HAS completed the  
340 COURT-ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation,  
350 PAROLE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES;
- 360 (2) Is under guardianship for mental disability; or

370 (3) Has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

380 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

390 **Article - Election Law**

400 3-102

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520 COURT-ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation,  
530 PAROLE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES;

540 (2) Is under guardianship for mental disability; or

550 (3) Has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

560 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 1 of this Act shall take effect  
570 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Section 2 of this Act.  
580 If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
590 further force and effect.

600 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that, subject to the provisions of Section 3  
610 of this Act, this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.

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640 House Speaker Casper R. Taylor  
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