

10 AN ACT concerning

20 **Right to Vote – Ex-Offenders**

30 FOR the purpose of allowing a person, who has committed a crime of violence the ability  
40 to register to vote.

50 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

60 Article – Election Law

70 Section 3-102

80 (2003 Volume)

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the  
100 laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 **Article – Election Law**

120 § 3-102.

130 (a) *In general.* – Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may  
140 become registered to vote if the individual:

150 (1) is a citizen of the United States;

160 (2) is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of the next  
170 succeeding general or special election;

180 (3) is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to register; and

190 (4) registers pursuant to this title.

200 (b) *Exceptions.*— An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

210 (1) has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the individual:

220 (i) has been pardoned; or

230 (ii) 1. in connection with a first conviction, has completed the court-  
240 ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation,  
250 parole, community service, restitutions, and fines; or

260 2. in connection with a subsequent conviction, has completed the  
270 court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation,  
280 parole, community service, restitutions, and fines, ~~and at least 3 years~~  
290 ~~have elapsed since the completion of the court-ordered sentence~~  
300 ~~imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole, community~~  
310 ~~service, restitutions, and fines;~~

320 (2) is under guardianship for mental disability; or

330 (3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes, UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL:

340 (I) HAS BEEN PARDONED; OR

- 350 (II) 1. IN CONNECTION WITH A FIRST CONVICTION, HAS  
360 COMPLETED THE COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE IMPOSED  
370 FOR THE CONVICTION, INCLUDING PROBATION, PAROLE,  
380 COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES; OR
- 390 2. IN CONNECTION WITH A SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION,  
400 HAS COMPLETED THE COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE  
410 IMPOSED FOR THE CONVICTION, INCLUDING PROBATION,  
420 PAROLE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES.

430 ~~(c) — Same. — Second or subsequent crime of violence. — Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this~~  
440 ~~section, and individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual has been convicted~~  
450 ~~of a second or subsequent crime of violence, as defined in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article.~~

460 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this act shall take effect October 1, 2003

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