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10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Election Law – Ex-offender Voting Rights**

30 FOR the purpose of allowing those convicted of an infamous crime to regain the right to
40 vote once released from prison.

50 BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments,
60 Article – Election Law
70 Section 3-102
80 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006)

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

110 3-102. Qualifications for voter registration

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

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

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

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

180 (4) registers pursuant to this title.

190 (b) Exceptions. -- An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

200 (1) ~~has~~ IS SERVING A COURT-ORDERED PRISON SENTENCE IMPOSED
210 AS A RESULT OF HAVING been convicted of theft or other infamous crime,
220 ~~unless the individual;~~

230 ~~(i) has been pardoned; or~~

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

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

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

340 (3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

350 ~~(c) Same — Second or subsequent crime of violence. — Notwithstanding subsection (b) of~~
360 ~~this section, an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual has~~

370 ~~been convicted of a second or subsequent crime of violence, as defined in § 14-101 of the~~
380 ~~Criminal Law Article.~~
390 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January
400 1, 2007.

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