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10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Election Law – Voter Registration – Age Qualification for Voter Registration**

30 FOR the purpose of lowering the voting age in the State of Maryland to 16 years old.

40 BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

50 Article – Election Law

60 Section 3–102.

70 Annotated Code of Maryland (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

80 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,

90 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

100 Article – Election Law

110 Section 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~~ **16** years old or will be ~~18~~ **16** years old on or before the day of the
160 next 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 been convicted of a felony and is actually serving a court-ordered sentence of
210 imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation, for the conviction;

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

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

240 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,

250 That this Act shall take effect immediately upon passage of this legislation.

260 MANDATES: Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland;
270 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland;
280 Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate;
290 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates;
300 Robert L. Walker, Chairman of the State Board of Elections; and
310 Linda H. Lamone, State Administrator of Elections.

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