

SENATE BILL 190

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By: **Senator Reilly**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Elections – Offenses Relating to Voting – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for offenses relating to voting; and generally relating to the penalties for offenses relating to voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

16–201.

- (a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:
- (1) (i) impersonate another person in order to vote or attempt to vote; or
 - (ii) vote or attempt to vote under a false name;
 - (2) vote more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the same ballot question;
 - (3) vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or vote in more than one election district or precinct;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) vote in an election district or precinct without the legal authority to vote in that election district or precinct;

(5) influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision through the use of force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward;

(6) influence or attempt to influence a voter's decision whether to go to the polls to cast a vote through the use of force, fraud, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward; or

(7) engage in conduct that results or has the intent to result in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, color, or disability.

(b) Except as provided in § 16–1002 of this title, a person who violates this section is guilty of [a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both] **A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS.**

(c) A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.