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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN	ACT	concerning

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Election Law - Voting Rights - Imprisoned Felons

3 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified 4 to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony 5 and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register 6 to vote; repealing the requirement that certain officials of the circuit court and the 7 District Courts report certain information to the State Administrator of Elections 8 regarding individuals convicted of a felony; repealing a requirement for the State 9 Administrator to make arrangements to receive certain information regarding 10 individuals convicted of a felony in a certain United States District Court; repealing 11 the prohibition on voting by individuals convicted of a felony and serving a 12 court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction; and generally relating to 13 voting rights and imprisoned felons.

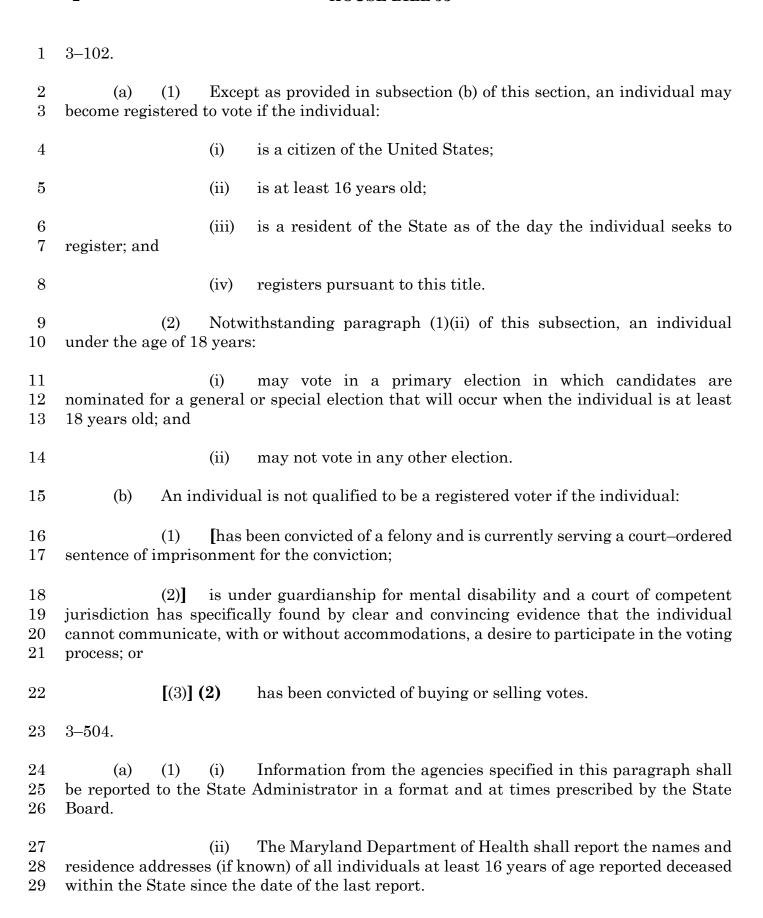
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Election Law
- 16 Section 3–102 and 3–504(a)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing

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- 20 Article Election Law
- 21 Section 16–202
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Election Law





- 1 (iii) [The clerk of the circuit court for each county and the 2 administrative clerk for each District Court shall report the names and addresses of all 3 individuals convicted, in the respective court, of a felony since the date of the last report.
- 4 (iv)] The clerk of the circuit court for each county shall report the 5 former and present names and residence addresses (if known) of all individuals whose 6 names have been changed by decree or order of the court since the date of the last report.
- 7 (2) [The State Administrator shall make arrangements with the clerk of 8 the United States District Court for the District of Maryland to receive reports of names 9 and addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of a felony in that court.
- 10 (3)] The State Administrator shall make arrangements with the United States Social Security Administration or an entity that receives information from the Social Security Administration and is approved by the State Administrator to receive reports of names and addresses, if available, of all Maryland residents at least 16 years of age who are reported deceased.
- 15 **[**16–202.
- 16 (a) A person who has been convicted of a felony and is currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction, and has been rendered ineligible to vote pursuant to § 3–102(b) of this article, may not vote or attempt to vote during the time that the person is rendered ineligible to vote.
- 20 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and is subject to 21 imprisonment for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.