

SENATE BILL 121

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By: **Senators Collins and Craig (Commission to Revise the Election Code)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Close of Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of shortening the period of time prior to an election during which an  
4 individual may not become a registered voter; providing for the staggered  
5 implementation of the shortened period; providing for a delayed effective date;  
6 and generally relating to voter registration.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 3-302(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)  
12 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. \_\_\_\_\_/H.B. \_\_\_\_\_)(8r0487) of the Acts of the  
13 General Assembly of 1998)

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

16 **Article 33 - Election Code**

17 3-302.

18 (a) (1) Registration is closed between 9 p.m. on the 5th Monday preceding  
19 any primary election, special primary election, general election, or special election  
20 and the 11th day after that election.

21 (2) BEGINNING WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2000, AND FOR ANY  
22 SUBSEQUENT ELECTION PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2002, REGISTRATION  
23 IS CLOSED BEGINNING AT 9 P.M. ON THE 24TH DAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION UNTIL  
24 THE 11TH DAY AFTER THAT ELECTION.

25 (3) BEGINNING WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2002, AND FOR ANY  
26 SUBSEQUENT ELECTION, REGISTRATION IS CLOSED BEGINNING AT 9 P.M. ON THE  
27 21ST DAY PRECEDING AN ELECTION UNTIL THE 11TH DAY AFTER THAT ELECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 January 1, 1999.