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

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CHAPTER _____

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 As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 118/H.B. 127) of the Acts of the General
14 Assembly of 1998))

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

17 **Article 33 - Election Code**

18 3-302.

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

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

5 (3) BEGINNING WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2002, AND FOR ANY
6 SUBSEQUENT ELECTION, REGISTRATION IS CLOSED BEGINNING AT 9 P.M. ON THE
7 21ST DAY PRECEDING AN ELECTION UNTIL THE 11TH DAY AFTER THAT ELECTION.

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