

HOUSE BILL 25

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By: **Delegate Fulton**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Registration - Felons**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow any felon
4 who has completed the sentence imposed, including any probation, and who
5 otherwise is qualified to be a registered voter, to register to vote; and generally
6 relating to a felon's right to register to vote in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 33 - Election Code
9 Section 3-102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 3-102.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may
17 become registered to vote if the individual:

18 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;

19 (2) Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of
20 the next succeeding general or special election;

21 (3) Is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to
22 register; and

23 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

24 (b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

1 (1) Has been convicted of theft or other infamous crime, unless the
2 individual:

3 (i) Has been pardoned; or

4 (ii) [In connection with a first conviction, has] HAS completed the
5 sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation;

6 (2) Is under guardianship for mental disability; or

7 (3) Has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

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