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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

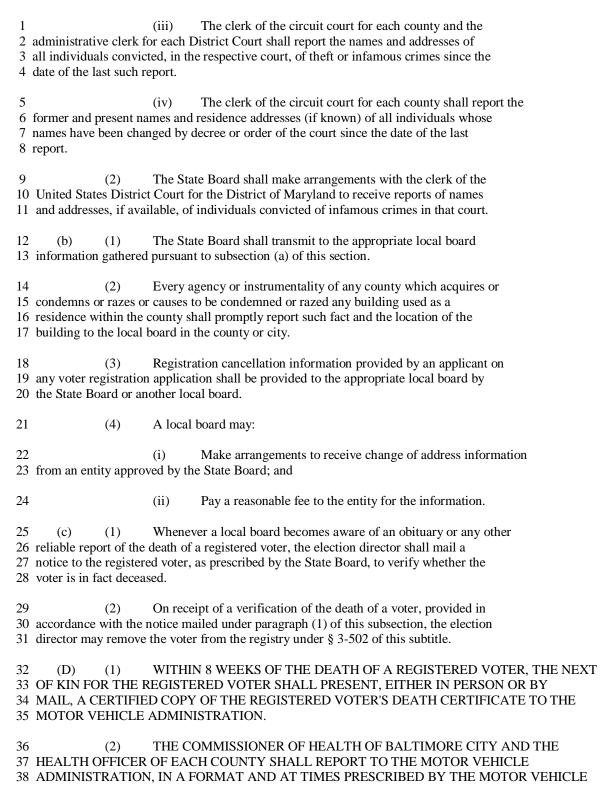
2 Election Law - Deceased Registered Voters

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the next of kin of a deceased registered voter to present
- 4 a certified copy of the deceased voter's death certificate to the Motor Vehicle
- 5 Administration (MVA); requiring the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City
- and the health officers of each county to report to the MVA the names and
- 7 addresses of certain individuals who have died during a certain period of time;
- 8 requiring the MVA to forward copies of certain documents to the State Board of
- 9 Elections; authorizing the county boards of elections to remove a registered
- voter from the registry upon certain notification that the voter is deceased;
- providing certain procedures for removal; providing a penalty for certain
- violations; and generally relating to removing certain voters from the registry.
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article 33 Election Code
- 15 Section 3-505
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 Article 33 - Election Code

- 21 3-505.
- 22 (a) (1) (i) Information from the agencies specified in this paragraph shall
- 23 be reported to the State Board in a format and at times prescribed by the State Board.
- 24 (ii) The Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City and the health
- 25 officer of each county shall report the names and residence addresses (if known) of all
- 26 individuals at least 16 years of age reported deceased within the city or county since
- 27 the date of the last such report.

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- 1 ADMINISTRATION, THE NAMES AND RESIDENCE ADDRESSES (IF KNOWN) OF ALL
- 2 INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE REPORTED DECEASED WITHIN THE CITY OR
- 3 COUNTY.
- 4 (3) ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH, THE MOTOR VEHICLE
- 5 ADMINISTRATION SHALL FORWARD TO THE STATE BOARD A COPY OF THE
- 6 DOCUMENTS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS
- 7 SUBSECTION DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH.
- 8 (4) ON RECEIPT OF A COPY OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE FROM THE MOTOR
- 9 VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE ELECTION
- 10 DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DECEASED VOTER
- 11 WAS REGISTERED. AND THE ELECTION DIRECTOR SHALL REMOVE THE VOTER FROM
- 12 THE REGISTRY UNDER § 3-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- 13 (5) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY AND KNOWINGLY FAILS TO
- 14 NOTIFY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH
- 15 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN
- 16 \$500.
- 17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 18 October 1, 2001.