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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **3 Voter Restoration Act of 2001**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow ~~certain~~  
4 ~~felons who have been convicted of certain crimes more than once but who have~~  
5 ~~completed the sentence imposed, including any probation, who otherwise are~~  
6 ~~qualified to be registered voters, and if a certain period of time has elapsed, to~~  
7 ~~register to vote, provided a certain additional period beyond the completion of~~  
8 ~~the sentence imposed has elapsed; prohibiting certain felons who are convicted~~  
9 ~~of certain crimes of violence from being deemed qualified to be registered voters~~  
10 an individual who has been convicted of a certain crime to qualify to be a  
11 registered voter if the individual has completed the sentence imposed for the  
12 conviction, including probation; and generally relating to the rights of certain  
13 felons qualifications of individuals to register to vote in the State.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 33 - Election Code  
16 Section 3-102  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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**Article 33 - Election Code**

2 3-102.

3 (a) Except as provided in {subsection (b)} ~~SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C)~~ of this  
4 section, an individual may become registered to vote if the individual:

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

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

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

10 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

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

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

14 (i) Has been pardoned; or

15 (ii) ~~1. In connection with a first conviction, has~~ HAS completed  
16 the sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation; ~~OR~~

17 ~~2. IN CONNECTION WITH A SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, HAS~~  
18 ~~COMPLETED THE SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR THE CONVICTION, INCLUDING~~  
19 ~~PROBATION, AND AT LEAST 5 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE COMPLETION OF THE~~  
20 ~~SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR THE CONVICTION, INCLUDING PROBATION;~~

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

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

23 ~~(C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL~~  
24 ~~WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE~~  
25 ~~27, § 643B OF THE CODE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A REGISTERED VOTER.~~

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2001.

