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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of removing the restriction that prohibits certain felons who have
4 more than one conviction from being deemed qualified to register to vote;
5 altering the qualifications for voter registration for certain felons who have
6 completed a certain sentence imposed upon them; and generally relating to the
7 rights of certain felons to register to vote in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 33 - Election Code
10 Section 3-102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 33 - Election Code**

16 3-102.

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

- 19 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- 20 (2) Is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or before the day of
21 the next succeeding general or special election;
- 22 (3) Is a resident of the county as of the day the individual seeks to
23 register; and
- 24 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

25 (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 COURT-ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, PAROLE,
6 COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTION, AND FINES;

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

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

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