

SENATE BILL 184

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By: **Senators Kelley, Blount, Conway, Currie, Exum, Hughes, Lawlah,
McFadden, and Mitchell**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2002

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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; providing for the termination
7 of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the rights of certain
8 felons to register to vote in the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 3-102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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15 Article - Election Law
16 Section 3-102
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (As enacted by Chapter ___(S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

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

21 **Article 33 - Election Code**

22 3-102.

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

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

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

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

5 (4) Registers pursuant to this title.

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

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

9 (i) Has been pardoned; or

10 (ii) [In connection with a first conviction, has] HAS completed the
11 COURT-ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, PAROLE,
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES;

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
16 read as follows:

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 3-102.

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

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

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

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25 register; and

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

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

30 (i) Has been pardoned; or

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2 COURT-ORDERED sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, PAROLE,
3 COMMUNITY SERVICE, RESTITUTIONS, AND FINES;

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

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

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
7 take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Section
8 2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be
9 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

10 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
11 of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.