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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Notaries Public - Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual appointed as a notary public to be a
4 citizen of the United States; and generally relating to notaries public.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - State Government
7 Section 18-102
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article - State Government**

13 18-102.

14 Each individual appointed as a notary public shall:

- 15 (1) be at least 18 years old;
- 16 (2) be of good moral character and integrity;
- 17 (3) BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES;
- 18 [(3)] (4) live or work in the State;
- 19 [(4)] (5) if living in the State, be a resident of the senatorial district from
20 which appointed; and
- 21 [(5)] (6) if living outside the State, be a resident of a state that allows
22 Maryland residents working in that state to serve as notaries public in that state.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2005.

