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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Registration - Proof of Citizenship**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that an applicant for voter registration submit proof of
4 United States citizenship with the application; specifying the types of
5 documents that establish proof of United States citizenship; and generally
6 relating to the establishment of citizenship or identity in order to qualify for
7 voter registration.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Election Law
10 Section 3-102(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Election Law
15 Section 3-201
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Election Law**

21 3-102.

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

24 (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 State as of the day the individual seeks to register;
4 and

5 (4) registers pursuant to this title.

6 3-201.

7 (a) An individual may apply to become a registered voter:

8 (1) at a local board office or the State Board office;

9 (2) at a registration site administered by a local board;

10 (3) by mail;

11 (4) when applying to the Motor Vehicle Administration for the issuance,
12 renewal, or modification of a driver's license or identification card;

13 (5) when applying for services at a voter registration agency; or

14 (6) with the assistance of a volunteer authorized by the State or local
15 board.

16 (b) An individual who is at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old on or
17 before the day of the next succeeding general or special election may be a volunteer
18 under subsection (a)(6) of this section.

19 (C) TO ESTABLISH THAT AN APPLICANT FOR VOTER REGISTRATION IS A
20 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AS REQUIRED UNDER § 3-102(A)(1) OF THIS TITLE,
21 THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION:

22 (1) A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR VERIFICATION OF BIRTH IN
23 THE UNITED STATES OR A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES;

24 (2) A CURRENT OR EXPIRED PASSPORT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES
25 OR A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES; OR

26 (3) A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES
27 GOVERNMENT IDENTIFYING THE APPLICANT AS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF THE
28 UNITED STATES.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2006.