

HB0310/565365/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 310

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Elections – Voter Registration and Voting – Age”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “rejection.” in line 7 and substitute “altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow an individual who is at least 16 years old to register to vote; specifying that an individual under the age of 18 years may vote in certain primary elections but may not vote in any other elections; and generally relating to the age when an individual becomes qualified to register to vote and to vote.”

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 3-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 1 through line 21 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article – Election Law

3-102.

(Over)

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may become registered to vote if the individual:

[(1)] (I) is a citizen of the United States;

[(2)] (II) is at least [18] 16 years old [or will be 18 years old on or before the day of the next succeeding general or special election];

[(3)] (III) is a resident of the State as of the day the individual seeks to register; and

[(4)] (IV) registers pursuant to this title.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS:

(I) MAY VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION IN WHICH CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION THAT WILL OCCUR WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND

(II) MAY NOT VOTE IN ANY OTHER ELECTION.

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

(1) has been convicted of a felony and is actually serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation, for the conviction;

(2) is under guardianship for mental disability; or

(3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.”.