

SENATE BILL 28

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CF HB 816

By: **Senators Lenett and Raskin**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Election Law – Voter Qualifications –~~ **Honorable Lorraine M. Sheehan Act to**
3 **Protect Voting Rights for Individuals Under Guardianship for Mental**
4 **Disability**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing the disqualification of individuals under guardianship
6 for mental disability from voting; and generally relating to voter qualifications.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 3–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

14 Article – Election Law

15 3–102.

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

18 (1) is a citizen of the United States;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 (3) is a resident of the State 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 a felony and is actually serving a
8 court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation, for
9 the conviction; **OR**

10 (2) [is under guardianship for mental disability; or

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

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 ~~October~~ July 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.