

# SENATE BILL 28

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By: **Senators Lenett and Raskin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Voter Qualifications – Individuals Under Guardianship for**  
3 **Mental Disability**

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

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

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 3–102.

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

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

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

20 (3) is a resident of the State as of the day the individual seeks to  
21 register; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) registers pursuant to this title.

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

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

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

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

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2010.