

# SENATE BILL 515

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By: **Senator A. Washington**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Voter Registration Age – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the age at which an individual may register to vote; and  
4 generally relating to voter registration.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Election Law  
7 Section 3–102  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Election Law**

13 3–102.

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

16 (i) is a citizen of the United States;

17 (ii) is at least [16] **15** years **AND 9 MONTHS** old;

18 (iii) is a resident of the State as of the day the individual seeks to  
19 register; and

20 (iv) registers pursuant to this title.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, an individual  
2 under the age of 18 years:

3                   (i) may vote in a primary election in which candidates are  
4 nominated for a general or special election that will occur when the individual is at least  
5 18 years old; and

6                   (ii) may not vote in any other election.

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

8                   (1) has been convicted of a felony and is currently serving a court-ordered  
9 sentence of imprisonment for the conviction;

10                  (2) is under guardianship for mental disability and a court of competent  
11 jurisdiction has specifically found by clear and convincing evidence that the individual  
12 cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting  
13 process; or

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

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 January 1, 2025.