

SENATE BILL 34

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By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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 2007 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 2007 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:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

6 (4) registers pursuant to this title.

7 3-201.

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

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

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

11 (3) by mail;

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) **A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR VERIFICATION OF BIRTH**
25 **IN THE UNITED STATES OR A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES;**

26 (2) **A CURRENT OR EXPIRED PASSPORT ISSUED BY THE UNITED**
27 **STATES OR A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES; OR**

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

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