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A BILL

Entitled, an Act to restore to the full rights of citizenship all persons disqualified by the fourth section of article first of the Constitution from voting and from holding any office of honor, profit or trust under the laws of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person who has at any time been in armed hostility to the United States, or the lawful authorities thereof, or who has been in any manner in the service of the so-called Confederate States of America, and every person who has voluntarily left the State and gone within the military lines of the so-called Confederate States or armies, with the purpose of adhering to said States or armies, and every person also who has given any aid or comfort, countenance or support to those engaged in armed hostility to the United States, or in manner adhered to the enemies of the United States, either by contributing to the enemies of the United States, or unlawfully sending within the lines of such enemies, money or goods, or letters or information, or who has disloyally held communication with the enemies, of the United States, or who has advised any person to enter, the service of the said armies, or aided any person so to enter, or who has by any open deed or word declared his adhesion to the cause of the enemies of the United States, or his desire for the triumph of said enemies over the armies of the United States and who is thereby disqualified from voting at any election to be held in this State, or from holding any office of honor, profit or trust under the laws of this State, he and he is hereby restored to his full rights of citizenship in this State, and every such person shall be entitled to vote at all elections to be held hereafter in this State, and to be registered as a qualified voter, and to hold any office of honor, profit or trust under the laws of this State *provid*, he possess the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws of this State and provided, he shall take and subscribe before the officers of registration in the election district or precinct in which he resides, the following oath or affirmation: I do swear or affirm, that I am a citizen of the United States and that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and support, protect and