

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article 33 — Election Code~~

~~Section 3 — 102~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Repealing the Disenfranchisement of Convicted Felons in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 11 members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

(3) the Chairman of the State Board of Elections, or the Chairman's designee;

(4) the Director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, or the Director's Designee;

(5) a member of the Maryland Attorney General's Office, appointed by the Attorney General;

(6) the President of the Maryland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or the President's designee;

(7) the President of the Baltimore Urban League, or the President's designee;

(8) the President of the League of Women Voters of Maryland, or the President's designee; and

(9) a representative of a victims' rights group, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Chairman of the Task Force shall be designated jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(d) The Task Force shall study the national consensus as it relates to felons convicted more than once for crimes other than voter fraud, and how such convictions affect their right to vote.

(e) The State Board of Elections and the Maryland Attorney General's Office shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) On or before December 31, 2001, the Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2002 Session.