KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # HB 02** **Referred to Committee:** **House 2**
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School: Assumption High School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisville	

An act to propose the amendment of Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky to allow persons convicted of a felony of a nonviolent crime to be able to vote aft

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section I: This bill will legalize persons convicted of a nonviolent crime to be able to vote after expiration of probation, final discharge from parole, or maximum expiration of their allotted sentence.

Section II: Kentucky is one of the only two states in the country that permanently excludes all individuals with felony conviction, excluding over 180,000 individuals from voting. Two-thirds of these persons have fully served their sentence.

Section III: It has been proven that there is a link between a voting participation and re-offense; people who voted after release from supervision were half as likely to be re-arrested as those who did not go.

Section IV: After a criminal's record has been cleared, then they will go through the regular registration process of citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section V: If an offender commits a second crime after their rights have been returned, then their rights will be taken away permanently.

Section VI: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Departments of State and Justice, the State Board of Elections, and local law enforcement agencies.

Section VII: This bill will go into effect November 2016.