KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # 5** **Referred to Committee: House 3**
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School: Boyle Co. HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Danville	

An act to require private property owners within 300 feet of a polling location to acquire free permits in order to display political campaign signs.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to minimize undue influence and potential voter intimidation by limiting the electioneering taking place on private property within 300 feet of polling locations on Election Day. Electioneering within 300 feet of polling locations is already prohibited on election day on public property, but is currently unrestricted on private property.

Section 2: Owners of qualifying private property will be able to easily obtain free permits at the local courthouse or online at the courthouse website between 30 days and one day prior to Election Day. Securing said permit establishes private property owners' compliance with restrictions on campaign signs, and their understanding of the high ideal of a free and fair election. Said permit must be displayed visibly from the road when political campaign signs are present on the property.

Section 3: To ensure a fair election and to protect public safety, restrictions on campaign signs are as follows:
Limit of 8 square feet (example: 2 ft. X 4 ft.)
Bottom of sign no higher than 2 feet off the ground
Limit of one sign per candidate, per property
No flashing, blinking, rotating, moving, or flapping signs

Section 4: The size restrictions established in Section 3 set a maximum size, and can be limited further by local authorities if desired. These restrictions will not supercede specific restrictions regarding placement, design, and decency established by local sign ordinances.

Section 5: Private property owners not in compliance with this bill will have the political campaign signs removed from their yards by local law enforcement. Local law enforcement will remove signs within the normal course of their Election Day rounds. These signs may be retrieved by owners within 2 weeks after Election Day.

Section 6: The Secretary of State and county clerks throughout the state will announce this law prior to the next General Election, via their standard means of public announcement.

Section 7: This bill will require no funding.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect prior to the next General Election.