

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</b>	<b>Blue   Bill # P3</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
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1                   An act to prevent unnecessary filibustering in the Kentucky General Assembly

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

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5   Section 1: What is filibustering- Filibustering is where representatives in General Assembly use extended speaking time  
6 to prevent the voting of a specific bill. This period of speech has no limited amount of time and can occur as long as  
7 there are Representatives who are recognized to speak. Filibustering in Kentucky General Assembly mostly occurs near  
8 the end of congressional session.

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10   Section 2: The Problem- The issue with filibustering is that Representatives of certain political parties continually create  
11 debate to stall for time and prevent a bill to be voted on. This is usually because the bill they are trying to block  
12 expresses ideas of a different political party and not their own. If the current Governor is in favor of the filibustered bill,  
13 he/she could call for a special session which costs taxpayers even more money than a regular General Assembly session.  
14 Instead of simply taking a vote, or compromising for the good of all citizens, there is debate which can occur for hours  
15 costing taxpayers thousands and preventing any hope of a bipartisan solution beneficial to all citizens of Kentucky.  
16 Officials of the state have sworn in constitutional oath to perform duties "faithful and true" to the Commonwealth.  
17 Therefore, because of the negative effects unnecessary filibustering has on Kentucky citizens, it is hereby declared: not  
18 "faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky".

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20   Section 3: The problem will be solved by declaring unnecessary filibuster unconstitutional and allowing the filibustered  
21 bill to proceed to a vote. This will be accomplished in these steps:

22   Step 1- The Chief Justice of the state supreme court will annually select two associate justices to serve as filibuster  
23 judges; one for the Senate and the other for the House of Representatives.

24   Step 2- Each associate justice has the power to appear in their designated house of General Assembly and declare a  
25 filibuster unconstitutional, forcing a vote on the filibustered bill.

26   Step 3- These justices may only use these powers when there is no bipartisan solution (compromise) being offered.  
27 When this solution is created during a filibuster, the judges will allow the filibuster continue until the bipartisan bill is  
28 complete. If the authors of the bipartisan bill stall for time, the judges will enact their power to declare the current  
29 filibuster unconstitutional.

30   Step 4- These filibuster judges must be present on the last day of congressional session from 4pm until the end. These  
31 judges may also be requested to appear by any official serving in the House or Senate when filibuster occurs.

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33   Section 4: The justices will not receive additional pay for serving as filibuster judge; meaning this bill has no cost. This  
34 bill will go into effect immediately after passage and judicial approval.