

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 43						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
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1 An act to restore voting rights to felons convicted of nonviolent/nonsexual crimes once their sentence is
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: In most states, felons can achieve re-enfranchisement (the right of voting) either once their
7 sentence is complete, or a period of time after. In the state of Kentucky, a felon is permanently
8 disenfranchised unless the governor issues an executive pardon. It is estimated that over 180,000
9 Kentuckians are now barred from polls.

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11 Section 2: We propose that an amendment be made to the Kentucky state constitution that would allow for
12 the restoration of voting rights to convicted felons. They would only be re-enfranchised if they have met the
13 following criteria:

- 14 1) They served their sentence for its entirety, including parole.
15 2) The crime was nonviolent/nonsexual. A nonviolent crime is defined as a crime that does not involve the
16 use of any force or injury to the body of another person. Nonviolent crimes can include most property
17 crimes, fraud, drug or alcohol related crimes, and gambling. Violent/sexual crimes can include assault,
18 homicides, domestic violence, sexual assault/abuse, and prostitution.

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20 Section 3: Our ultimate objective is to reinstate the constitutional right of voting to Kentucky felons who
21 meet the previously stated criteria. In reference to section 1, over 180,000 Kentucky citizens are not
22 permitted to vote. Re-enfranchisement will allow qualifying felons to regain this right.

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24 Section 4: This bill will require no funding.

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26 Section 5: This bill will go into effect upon passage.