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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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An act to deny convicted felons from running for a Kentucky Elected Office.

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

Section 1: According to current state law, Kentucky citizens that have been convicted of a felony can still run for an elected public office if the governor restores that right. State law allows any convicted Kentucky felon who meet the qualifications (age, residency, etc); to apply to the Governor to have all their voting and running for office rights restored; thus allowing them the privilege of running for public office.

Section 2: As citizens of the great Commonwealth, we believe that individuals being allowed to run for an elected public office are people of integrity. If an individual has demonstrated through their past behavior and actions that they have lacked the self-discipline and integrity to uphold our state and nation's laws; how can we feel confident in their future behaviors. Therefore, no Restoration of Rights shall be granted to those running for public office.

Section 3: This bill pertains to all Kentucky citizens considering running for an elected state office.

Section 4: When registering, a background check will become mandatory. Anyone who has been convicted on a felon will be denied the opportunity to run for the elected office.

Section 5: This bill will be of no cost to Kentucky tax payers. The individual applying to run for the elected office will be responsible for the background check expense.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2015.