KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Blue | Bill # P34** **Referred to Committee: House 1**
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School: St. Xavier HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisville	

An act to eliminate straight party voting option from the ballot.

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

Section 1: Straight party voting on ballots allows voters to vote for a party while knowing few to none of the candidates. This is an unfair form of voting because one party can get an advantage from this option. It allows voters to vote for a politician based on his/her party affiliation and not on his/her political policies. This bill will eliminate straight party voting from ballots.

Section 2: Straight party voting is a problem because some candidates could get elected not based on their policies, but because of their party affiliation. This bill would cause voters to become more educated on the candidates by eliminating the straight party vote option altogether. This would also make election more equal for all candidates. This bill will make elections more about the politician and less about the party.

Section 3: This bill will amend KRS 117.381 to remove the straight party vote from ballots.

Section 4: This bill will have no cost because the current ballots will just be printed with the straight party vote option absent.