KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Red | Bill # 28** **Referred to Committee: Senate 3**
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School: Memorial Elementary School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Hardyville	

An act to lower the voting age from 18 to 16.

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

Section 1: If this bill were passed, the voting age would be lowered from 18 to 16. We want to lower the voting age limit to 16 because we believe this will increase voting turn out, not only for the short term, but for the future. This will also allow you people to take part in government procedure and pay attention to what changes our country is undergoing at a younger age.

Section 2: If teens are responsible enough to drive a car with a license and pay taxes, why shouldn't they be able to vote? According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, the dropout rate from 1990-2012 has dropped from 12%-7% for 16-24 year olds, showing the responsibility of mid-late teens across the country. This would also allow high school teachers to focus on current events more often and 16-18 year olds would be more aware of what's going on in our government.

Section 3: If you are 16-17 years old, you must be enrolled in school to exercise your right to vote. If not, you must wait until you're 18 to vote.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect January of 2015.