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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill | Red Bill # 28 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: Senate 4 | | | | | | |
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1 An act to reform current regulations on vacant and abandoned properties.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Enacting Clause: Be it hereby enacted by the Annual Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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7 Section 1: The current law states that property rights and due process established by the first right of the
8 Bill of Rights within the Kentucky Constitution and the fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution
9 prevent the seizing of private property without due process. Thus, a vacant and abandoned property is
10 required to sit empty for a three year period before it can be taken into government possession and then
11 allowed to be put back on the market. Therefore, this bill demands that this time constraint be limited to 1.5
12 years instead. This bill will continue with the regulation that if the property is found to be legally inhabited
13 before the 1.5 year time constraint has passed, then the 1.5 years will start over until the property is
14 deemed officially empty.
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16 Section 2: There are about 7,500 homeless in the state of Kentucky and about 4,300 homeless people are in
17 Louisville. Louisville and Lexington alone have 6,000 to 7,000 properties, mainly houses, that are defined as
18 vacant and abandoned. Hence, the vacant and abandoned property issue is a key problem a majority of the
19 Kentucky population faces today. Three years (or sometimes seven years) is a bit exorbitant when such
20 figures are taken into account. This bill will push the government to either buy back the property or take it if
21 the property no longer holds an owner after a 1.5 year period has surpassed.
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23 Section 3: The determining of whether such properties can be bought or taken will be dependent on the
24 maintenance and overall condition of the property. Assessments will be conducted by the officials of the
25 Kentucky Property Valuation Administration.