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## **KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** Commonwealth Bill

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An act to establish a complete initiative and referendum procedure

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

Section 1: This bill would require amending Section 60 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Section 2: Section 60 will be amended to include exceptions regarding outlined procedures allowing for state level initiative and referendum procedure:

- A. The initiative grants electors the power to propose statutes and amendments to the Constitution and to either adopt or reject them.
- 12 B. The referendum grants electors the power to approve or reject statutes enacted by the 13 Commonwealth.
- 14 C. Petitions for initiative or referendum must be filed to the Attorney General, who will prepare a title 15 and summary for circulation for signatures.
- 16 D. Legislature will mandate the manner of circulation of petitions.
- 17 E. The proposed initiative or referendum must focus on one subject.
- 18 F. The proposed initiative or referendum must be signed by 5% of electors who voted in the last
- 19 aubernatorial election in 30 of 38 Kentucky State Senate districts. The final collection of signatures
- must be filed to the Secretary of State within 365 days of its initial filing. Each signature must then be 20
- 21 verified by county clerks in the county the signature was collected in. Unverified signatures are void. 22
  - G. If filed and verified 100 days prior to the next general or statewide election, the proposed statute or
- 23 amendment will appear on the ballot for electors to vote on in the next statewide election. The
- 24 governor may hold special election for the initiative or referendum.
- 25 H. Initiative statute/amendment or referendum statute will go into effect the day after election if voted 26 on in favor by the majority of electors.
  - I. Legislature reserves the ability to repeal initiative statutes and amendments and to amend initiative statutes and amendments and referendum statutes. Amendments made by the legislature will appear on the next statewide election ballot for electors to vote on.
- 30 J. If two opposing initiatives are placed on the ballot and both receive majority votes, the one with 31 more votes in favor will be enacted.
- 33 Section 3: Current statutes mandating local level initiative and referendum procedure (State Statutes, Section 83A.120 and Section 65.012) will remain in place. 34