

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</p>	Blue BG 13						
	Referred to Committee: House 4						
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1 An act to Re-Establish Voting Rights to Ex-Felons.

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

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5 Section 1: Voting is one of our unalienable rights and every American deserves to have the right to
6 vote. If you were sent to jail and you serve your sentence, when you are released you aren't able to
7 vote ever again, at least in Kentucky. In fact, Kentucky is one of the 4 most difficult states for former
8 felons to vote gain their voting rights back after serving their sentence. Our bill would allow all ex-
9 felons to vote in all elections, national, state, and local. Right now more than 2/8 of our population
10 can't vote because they have a prior arrest and conviction, that's about 181,000 people. We believe
11 that after someone has served their time, they should be given back their right to vote - because that's
12 the fair thing to do and it makes Kentucky's Democracy stronger.

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14 Section 2: Currently, in order to gain back the right to vote, ex-felons must formally petition the
15 Governor of Kentucky to pardon them. This is a long and costly process. Our bill would grant voting
16 rights to ex-felons who have served their sentence and completed their parole. A simple check of the
17 person's police record when registering to vote would show whether they have completed their
18 sentence and probation.

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20 Section 3: The Kentucky State Board of Elections and the state Department of Corrections will be
21 responsible for monitoring the law and enforcing it. The is no funding required to carry out this bill.

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23 Section 4: This bill will take effect on Nov. 8, 2018