

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Red   CW 13</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
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1 AN ACT relating to establishing a nonpartisan commission to redraw district lines

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

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5 Section 1: The purpose of this act is to halt most gerrymandering: the malpractice of drawing electoral  
6 districts in a distorted way for partisan gain. The power to redraw district lines will move from the  
7 control of the state legislature to the supervision of a nonpartisan commission, whose sole purpose  
8 will be to create fair and balanced voting districts. This agency shall be titled the Redistricting  
9 Independent Commission of Kentucky (R.I.C.K.).

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11 Section 2: This reform would have district maps drawn by a nonpartisan body of civil servants  
12 according to criteria set by statute. A new body will be drawn for each redistricting cycle. These civil  
13 servants must be considered well qualified for their jobs plus have no current political ties, and all  
14 administrative positions for R.I.C.K. will be approved by the Kentucky Supreme Court. Funding for this  
15 agency will draw from the Kentucky Department of Revenue, accounting for about 0.08% of its annual  
16 budget.

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18 Section 3: The criteria for redrawing future district lines will be based off the balancing of the following  
19 specifications in order of importance: Contiguity Consistency with natural and political boundaries  
20 Compactness (low perimeter to area ratio or similar measure) Competitiveness Those drawing out new  
21 district maps are prohibited from considering the following: voter registration levels, voting histories,  
22 an incumbent's place of residence, or any other type of partisan data. All redistricting plans and  
23 research made by R.I.C.K. shall be made public in order to ensure transparency.

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25 Section 4: The legislature must then vote to adopt the maps without amendment, with R.I.C.K.  
26 redrawing the maps if the legislature votes the first ones down. If the new districts are turned down  
27 more than 5 times in a given redistricting cycle, approval for these maps will move to the jurisdiction of  
28 the Kentucky Supreme Court to prevent gridlock.

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30 Section 5: If members of the state legislature file a case that declares an administrative member of  
31 R.I.C.K. is unable to faithfully conduct their duties, they shall stand trial before the Kentucky Supreme  
32 Court. If the Court finds them incapable of carrying out their position, they shall be removed, replaced,  
33 and properly prosecuted if applicable.

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35 Section 6: If passed, this proposal for R.I.C.K will go into effect on January 1, 2018.