

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 40						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 4						
Sponsors: Martha McHaney, Rebekka Walker, Mikayla Burgess, Chloe Moore	Action on the Bill						
School: McCracken Co. HS							
City: Paducah							
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1 AN ACT relating to implementing automatic voter registration in Kentucky

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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 goal of our bill is to ultimately make it easier for young/unregistered voters of Kentucky
6 to become legally registered to vote. The Automatic Voter Registration Act would mainly affect 17 year
7 olds when they go to obtain their full driver's license. Our hopes for this bill, is that it will offer a
8 quicker way to register and result in increased voter turnout.

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10 Section 2: Currently 9 states have approved and are using Automatic Voter Registration. Voter turnout
11 increased tremendously in comparison to their previous years, and some states, such as Oregon, are
12 setting record-breaking turnouts for elections. In recent years since the success in other states, 32
13 states have introduced a proposal to approve Automatic Voter Registration. In comparison, Kentucky
14 legislation has failed to propose any act that would compare to other states. This bill would give
15 Kentuckians the option of registering to vote when going to obtain their unrestricted licence or to
16 anyone going to renew their license. When a teenager turns 17 in Kentucky, they are eligible to go to
17 the DMV for their unrestricted license. They will have the option when asked to register, and if they
18 choose to, the registration would be filed into the records at their DMV until they turn 18. Once they
19 turn 18, the person will be transferred over to the Secretary of State and will be automatically
20 registered in the system to vote. If one is not eligible for a driver's license at the age of 17, this bill
21 does not apply, for it is a part of the process for receiving their license. However, they can still register
22 to vote when they turn 18 through other established registering processes.

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24 Section 3: Due to this bill being optional, there will be no punishments for not taking the opportunity to
25 register to vote when receiving a license or getting a license renewed. This bill does not change or
26 eliminate any other ways of registering to vote, it is just one more way to do so. The only fee would be
27 the fee to receive their unrestricted license or renewed license, which varies on the county you live in.

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29 Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately following passage.