



HOUSE BILL 232

RESPECT THE VOTE

HB 232 is a proposed constitutional amendment to let the people decide whether to restore voting rights to people after they've served their time - ensuring that no one is punished beyond their sentence. It's a bipartisan bill sponsored by Rep Nemes and broadly supported by Republicans and Democrats.

Throughout US history, we've fought to expand the right to vote to working class people, women, and people of color. We have the chance to continue that legacy by respecting the right to vote of every Kentuckian. We can make Kentucky a place where democracy includes all of us, no exceptions.



COST TO COMMUNITIES

197,672 Kentuckians with felonies in their past aren't allowed to vote in Kentucky right now because of our extreme felony disenfranchisement laws. That's in spite of the Governor's 2019 Executive Order that restored the right to register and vote to 178,397 people.

Kentucky has the nation's 7th highest rate of Black voter disenfranchisement - over 15.1% of Black Kentucky citizens can't vote because of our felony disenfranchisement laws

KENTUCKIANS RESPECT VOTING

According to a recent poll by the League of Women Voters, 66% of Kentuckians want to respect the voting rights of people with a felony in their past, including most Republicans, most Democrats, and most independents.

So many of the issues Kentuckians face are impacted by who is able to vote. Disenfranchisement harms families by discouraging civic participation and decreases the political power of entire communities.

Respecting voting rights also makes our communities safer. People who vote after completing a sentence are half as likely to reoffend than those who don't vote.

