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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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## Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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An act to Establish a Clean Election Fund to Publicly Finance Campaigns

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

Section 1: All campaigns of candidates for public office, delineated in and pursuant KRS Chapter 118 on the Conduct of Elections, will be publicly funded through the Clean Election Fund in the State Treasury. Each candidate will receive the average amount of money spent on campaigns for the same position in the previous two elections. This amount will be adjusted for inflation annually. Candidates receiving funding must file their usage of funds, sending filings to the Clean Election Fund within 10 days of spending of funds. The filings are to be made publicly available by the Clean Election Fund within 20 days of receiving. The use of any funds on the part of a campaign is subject to required justification and investigation as stated in Section 3.

Section 2: Money allocated to the fund will come from the following sources:

- a) the current allocated budget and resources of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance,
- b) any allocated money unused at the ends of candidates' campaigns,
- c) voluntary donations to the Clean Election Fund and to candidates,
- d) donations from taxpayers required to file tax returns pursuant KRS 141.180 who will be prompted with a description of the importance of the Clean Election Fund and the option to donate a portion or all of their tax refund to the Clean Election Fund,
- e) fines from Section 3.

Section 3: Any funds not spent in the justifiably forthright pursuit of campaigning will result in a fine twice the amount misspent. Also, any donations to a campaign must be transferred to the Clean Election Fund. Using any funds not allocated by the Clean Election Fund will result in a fine equal to twice the amount spent in contravention. Monitoring funds of candidates and issuing fines thereof is the responsibility of the Kentucky State Board of Elections and the Attorney General.

Section 4: This act will take effect in the next Regular Election and all elections subsequent.