



# HOUSE BILL 6 RESPECT THE VOTE

## Respecting the Voting Rights of people with felonies in their past

HB 6 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.

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## HEALTHY DEMOCRACY, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Throughout our 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.

312,000 people in our state couldn't vote in the last election – that's about 1 in 11 voting age Kentuckians. Kentucky has the nation's highest rate of Black voter disenfranchisement. 1 in 4 Black Kentuckians could not vote due to the combination of over-policing in communities of color and our regressive voting rights policy.

The Executive Order by Governor Beshear has made an impact in this - restoring the right to vote to an estimated 140,000 Kentuckians, but that leaves 172,000 without the right to vote and the steps forward we've made are temporary until we pass a constitutional amendment.

## 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.

