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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND THE VALUES THAT MAKE FAMILIES STRONG

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Let's start the new decade properly . . .

Let's speak with Truth and Grace!

If "the salt" does not speak, it's lost its flavor and is "worth nothing except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men."

Edmund Burke, the Anglo-Irish statesman and philosopher who served in the English parliament during the America Revolution, once wrote: "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." In reality, that is just a translation of Jesus' "salt of the earth" declaration. Clearly, Jesus went on to say if the salt "loses its flavor, it's worth nothing but to be thrown out and trampled."

That's *what has happened* in America and *what is happening* in America. "The salt" oftentimes just gives up and does not get involved, and then "the salt's" truths and values are "trodden underfoot by men."

But it doesn't have to be that way or end that way . . . the salt *CAN TURN* and re-engage. That is what needs to happen *NOW* – during the 2020 Session of the General

Assembly, that began on Jan. 7 and will end on April 15.

It is particularly important because there are all kinds of bills that address the current cultural issues making it harder to parent and teach the next generation the values that created and helped this "one-of-a-kind" nation continue to move forward over the last 244 years.



Now is the time for you, for your friends, for your extended family, for your fellow church members and for your colleagues at work to speak up and encourage your legislators to do the right thing. *YOU* have significant influence! It would be a waste not to serve the Lord by using it.

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Time to Call!

Call 1-800-372-7181

The Legislative Message Line

Sharing YOUR values and YOUR convictions is critical! *You can even call in the evening!*

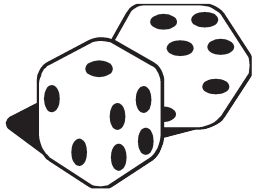
The Message Line is open 7:00 am to 9:00 pm EST Mon thru Thurs. It closes at 6:00 pm on Fridays.

It's easy! Simply say to the phone receptionist: **"Please give this message to all the legislators in _____ (your) County. And then please copy my message to House and Senate Leadership."** (The receptionist will know the legislators in your county and who are on the Leadership Teams).

Here's a sample message: **"Please vote FOR Senate Bill 114 - 'Save Women's Sports' Act, and AGAINST House Bill 137 - Sports Wagering."**

The receptionist will record your name and address for future calls.

Please, over the next few weeks call three times on each bill listed. (You can do 2 to 3 bills on each call. A series of 3 boxes are set beside each bill so you can keep track of your calls.) BOTH spouses should call.



Gambling Expansion - (“Sports Wagering” Bill)

House Bill 137

Check off
your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Rep. Adam Koenig: This bill is called the “Sports Wagering” Bill because it will expand gambling in Kentucky beyond 1) horse racing, 2) charitable gambling, and 3) The Lottery, into the world of sports and “other” competition. Originally, the bill authorized wagering only on professional sports, but the bill’s language has already been expanded into college sports in Kentucky. Beyond “sports wagering” there is a phrase in the bill that reads: **“‘Sports Wagering’ means the placing of wagers on the outcomes of professional sports contests and other events . . .”** This vague language takes the bill well outside sports into any realm the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission wants to choose. (i.e. “The color of the Governor’s tie next Monday” or “How many semi-trucks will travel under the bridge at Exit 117 in the next hour.”)

Advocates say: 1) Gambling is already going on in Kentucky, so let’s legalize and regulate it; 2) You cannot stop people from gambling so we might as well legalize it; 3) Other states around us are gambling so we should follow their lead and not be left behind as legalized gambling moves across America; 4) The Commonwealth can use more revenue and the \$20 million that may come in through “Sports Wagering” could help the state deal with the pension crisis; 5) Some money will go to the state’s horse racing industry so they can strengthen their place in the world of horse racing; 6) Everyone should be able to do as they please.

Opponents say: 1) To expand gambling you must change the Kentucky Constitution with an amendment, not a “simple” bill; 2) HB137 targets the poor and young people because it authorizes gambling on cell phones “24-hours / 7-days”; 3) The language is overbroad, giving the Racing Commission complete control over a *H-U-G-E* expansion of new gambling; 4) The bill appears to have been written *BY* the gambling interests *FOR* the gambling interests with no concern for the people; 5) No studies – zero – have been done to predict the impact on Kentucky families; and 6) The Racing Commission does not have to abide by the Executive Branch Ethics Code.

Prospect of Passage: Because of the influence and money of Kentucky’s horse racing industry, this bill will pass unless many calls come in against it.

Policy Opinions: The Family’s vs. The Gambling Industry’s

#1: The Family is targeted. Gambling doesn’t create new wealth; it only makes wealth change hands. Then where does all the money come from? Corporations can’t gamble, nor can businesses, institutions, schools, churches, nonprofits, nor civic groups – only Moms and Dads, and a few single people. In other words, all the *BILLIONS* of dollars that is gambled is just a shift of assets *FROM* the hands of the family *INTO* the hands of the gambling industry.

#2: Businesses will lose. As families lose, businesses lose. Think about it – after all the losses, parents can’t afford to take the family out to eat, buy their children new school clothes, purchase a new refrigerator or finance a new home addition. Businesses suffer because money is *TAKEN OUT* of the economy. Remember, Las Vegas was built by *losers* – not winners.

#3: Government will be corrupted. With millions going into the hands of the gambling industry, who becomes the greatest contributor and most influential group in the political process? The gambling industry will have the cash! Consider Nevada, home of Las Vegas: Their legislature was elected just like ours, but has voted to legalize prostitution (because the gambling industry wanted it). And, there are 13 abortion clinics serving Las Vegas – population 640,000; Kentucky has one serving 4.3 million. Government changes!

#4: The Vulnerable will be destroyed. Though families are targeted (*see #1 above*), finances aren’t the worst of the costs. Financial loss is just the beginning of a tragedy that all the family members experience. Some lives will be totally destroyed – marriage-damaging financial stress, alcoholism, drug use, child neglect and abuse, spouse neglect and abuse, divorce, depression, suicide, embezzlement, imprisonment and crime (both victim and perpetrator). And worse, children will lose their childhoods and be affected for a lifetime. Doctors have a policy regarding treatments: “First, do no harm.” Policy-makers in Frankfort would do well to apply this same wisdom. (Note: 18-year-olds can gamble on their phones.)

#1: The Family is served. Every family has the opportunity to spend their entertainment dollars the way they want to. We serve *ALL* families and all kinds of families – we do not discriminate against anyone. As many as *WANT* to gamble we will serve. Gambling is fun and challenging, and we make it as pleasing and pleasurable as we can. We want repeat customers! In fact, some find that it can be a good way to unwind from all the stresses of life. In addition, it can be a setting where friends come together to bet on the same or similar events. Gambling has been going on for centuries – don’t try to stop it in Kentucky.

#2: Businesses can gain. Food and beverage companies will prosper as gambling sites are developed, including Kentucky’s burgeoning bourbon industry. New service businesses will arise to serve the gambling industry. Besides, gamblers are generous people and they enjoy spending money like anyone else. If someone wins big, they will have plenty of money to spend in their community on all sorts of purchases.

#3: Government will regulate it. Our goal is to have government regulate all gambling so that no one is found cheating – cheating doesn’t help the gambling industry or those that participate. Government agencies can be built and current agencies can be strengthened to make sure that players are playing fairly and that all the money that the government should receive gets to the right place.

#4: The Vulnerable will be helped. Yes, it’s true that roughly three percent of gamblers become addicted gamblers – they literally *cannot* stop. And another three percent become problem gamblers – they *can* stop, but sometimes they don’t. Either way we spend money when they come to us in order to show them their errors and vulnerabilities so they do not fall more deeply into their problem. We have set aside a portion of our profits for twelve-step programs that can help those who have been hurt by their own vulnerabilities.



Expediting Responsible Marijuana Research -

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Check off
your 3 calls

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By Rep. Danny Bentley: This resolution (HCR 5) urges the Federal Government to reschedule and expedite the study of the possible medical benefits of marijuana using evidence-based science. The resolution addresses several issues blocking potential medicines from being made safely available to Kentucky citizens. The Federal government still classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug. As a result there has been little grant money or marijuana legally available for researchers to conduct the normal study, and clinical trials necessary to safely develop, dose and deliver medicines. This resolution would urge the federal government to correct that.

The majority of licensed health care practitioners who serve in the legislature support HCR 5 as the best path forward regarding legalizing any form of medical marijuana and it is the only marijuana bill sponsored by a health care practitioner (a pharmacist and university pharmacy professor).

Note: A similar measure passed the House in 2018 with a vote of 73 to 5 but was not heard in the Senate.

Advocates say: The Kentucky legislature should not try to do the job of the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Even though marijuana has been around a long time it has not been studied properly. Opioids were also around a long time but were not properly researched before doctors began routinely prescribing. (And look what happened.) The FDA is now designed specifically for the purpose of determining what medications are safe and effective, what dosages should be used and what the contraindications are. (When medications/conditions interact negatively.)

A number of marijuana derivatives are already available through proper research and development practices and other effective and well-researched medications are now or will be available shortly to treat the medical conditions for which patients need marijuana.

Opponents say: Marijuana has been around a long time, therefore we don't need any more time to study it. Other states have legalized it. Kentucky citizens should not have to wait any longer. Patients want help and shouldn't be made to suffer needlessly.

Marijuana is no worse than alcohol, why shouldn't marijuana be legal for adults? Adults should be free to choose marijuana if they want, as long as it isn't hurting anyone else.

This is also an economic issue. If people can't get marijuana in Kentucky they will go to other states to find it. By doing so, Kentucky will lose out on the revenue that would be generated and that could be used to fund pensions.

Prospect of Passage: Because it passed the House in 2018 it should pass the House again this year. The question is "Will the Senate consider it?"

Note: Four other bills have been introduced to actually legalize marijuana without any of the normal medical research. Two are HB 136 and SB 107, which would legalize so-called "medical marijuana" without FDA research or approval. Similarly, there are HB 148 and SB 105, which would legalize "recreational marijuana" and make it readily available across the state with no concerns about medical issues.



Youth Health Protection Act -

House Bill 321

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your 3 calls

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By Rep. Savannah Maddox: This bill would prohibit attempting to surgically or hormonally change the biological sex of any child under the age of 18. Recently, the numbers of children and teens who experience "gender dysphoria" and the specialized centers to treat them with experimental procedures have dramatically increased. Treatments include suppressing natural puberty, and giving powerful cross sex hormones. Ultimately, their genitals are surgically removed and attempts are made to create new faux genitalia that mimics the opposite biological sex. These treatments result in permanent sterility and are at best experimental. This bill would still allow children to socially and mentally transition to the opposite sex but would require that minors wait until age 18 to begin irreversible physical treatments.

Advocates say: Being transgender is now celebrated and children are being rushed into irreversible decisions they are not ready or able to make. It is important to "push the pause button," understand the underlying social, psychological and emotional factors that may be influencing kids and wait until they are no longer minors before any physical treatment is begun. In the overwhelming majority of children, gender dysphoria resolves by the time they reach adulthood. Their normal adolescent development should not be interrupted by a rush to "affirm" their gender dysphoria and attempt to make them the opposite biological sex.

Opponents say: Gender has nothing to do with biology. Children as young as four can decide what their gender really is and we need to listen to them. Transitioning is not harmful and should be done at the youngest age possible. It does more harm than good to not change them immediately. Once a child identifies their gender the best thing we can do for these children is to let them become who they are really meant to be. The problem is not a child's emotional health. The problem is the transphobic culture. That intolerance is the reason why there are so many problems and suicides for "trans" people.

Prospect of Passage: Because this bill goes against the LGBT "agenda," it will need many favorable calls to develop the momentum needed to pass.



The Medical Ethics and Diversity Act - (“The MED Act”)

Senate Bill 90

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your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Sen. Stephen Meredith: This bill provides religious liberty and conscience protections for medical professionals regarding controversial medical technologies and practices. Many medical professionals do not want to be forced to participate in certain controversial technologies and treatments such as cloning, gene editing, assisted suicide, surgical and hormonal procedures to attempt to change children’s biological sex, and various reproductive technologies. By providing conscience protections this bill would ensure that Kentucky does not lose well-trained medical professionals because of a growing intolerance of reasonable differences in professional ethics and opinions.

Advocates say: Abortion, the surgery that removes a patient’s genitalia because they have gender confusion, or prematurely ending a patient’s life (physician assisted suicide) are not things that medical professionals should be forced to participate in or lose their jobs. Just because a treatment is possible or just because patients demand a treatment does not necessarily mean every professional should be forced to provide it.

Opponents say: This bill is about continuing to let religious people discriminate against people they don’t like. Women will be denied reproductive freedom. “Trans” people will feel shamed and not be able to get the care they want. Hospitals shouldn’t have to protect people who discriminate. If a medical professional doesn’t agree with what is happening in medicine they can leave the medical profession.

Prospect of Passage: This is a practical bill protecting medical professionals from forced participation in acts they deem wrongful. It will need calls to pass.



“Save Women’s Sports” Act - (“Fair Play” Act)

Senate Bill 114

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your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Sen. Robby Mills: This bill would prohibit biological males from competing in girl’s athletic events at the college and high school level in Kentucky schools. Since 2017, two high school males in Connecticut have competed as women and have taken 15 Connecticut high school track championships away from nine different girls. Previously they ran as males and never won. CeCe Telfers is a biological male ranked 390th in the collegiate men’s 400 meter hurdles. Then in 2019, CeCe competed in the women’s event and won first place. Track is not the only sport in which boys are competing as girls. As a result, girls are losing opportunities to advance to the next levels of competition where they can compete for scholarships and positions on college and professional teams as well as have associated educational career opportunities that were intended for women when Title IX was enacted.

Advocates say: Girls deserve a level playing field. Every boy that is on the podium takes a medal away from a girl. Having biological males compete against girls is not only unfair to girls but, depending on the sport, can be physically dangerous for girls. This will be the end of women’s sports and the opportunities they provide women.

Opponents say: Gender is not biology. If an athlete identifies as a girl, they are a girl and are entitled to all the opportunities that girls have. Transgender girls have no advantage over cisgender (biological) girls. In fact, they have disadvantages. To insist that they must compete against males is simply transphobic and hateful.

Prospect of Passage: Polling suggests that this is well-supported because of basic fairness, but because of LGBT opposition, it will need calls to pass.



Born Alive Infant Protection Act -

Senate Bill 9

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your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Sen. Whitney Westerfield: This bill protects infants who are born alive from being denied nourishment and reasonable medical care. SB 9 would apply to infants born alive after an attempted abortion and also to infants who may be born with medical complications or who are not wanted by their parents. (This bill passed the full Senate and its House Committee in 2019 but died for lack of time.)

Advocates say: All human life must be protected. There are cases across the nation where infants born alive after abortion attempts have been allowed to starve to death and denied any care. In addition, there are documented instances where infants born with medical complications are not given adequate nutrition to survive. No child should be intentionally starved to death.

Opponents say: This is just another example of the government inserting itself between a woman and her doctor. We have enough unwanted children and should not force medical staff to care for babies that have medical problems or were intended to be aborted. Once again conservatives are trying to force their values on everyone else.

Prospect of Passage: Calls are always needed, but this bill should pass both Chambers with big margins. Who is FOR denying help and letting a baby die?



The Human Life Amendment - (“YES for Life”) House Bill 67

Check off
your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Rep. Joe Fischer: This bill would affirm that the Kentucky Constitution does not guarantee the right to abortion or to have abortion paid for. **HISTORY:** Planned Parenthood sued the state of Iowa over their abortion laws. In 2018 the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in favor of Planned Parenthood, struck down the Iowa law and said the Iowa Constitution guarantees the right to abortion. Since then, Planned Parenthood has begun to challenge abortion laws in multiple states. In order to protect their existing abortion regulations, two states (Tennessee and West Virginia) have passed measures like HB67, stating their state constitution does not guarantee the right to abortion. A number of other states have introduced similar measures this year.

Advocates say: HB 67 will better protect existing abortion regulations in Kentucky from attacks by Planned Parenthood. Without this bill, nothing would stop the Kentucky Supreme Court from suddenly “discovering” the right to abortion in our State Constitution.

Opponents say: HB 67 will take away women’s reproductive freedom because we will not be able to overturn Kentucky’s pro-life laws easily using the state constitution. The government has no right to tell a woman what she can and can’t do with her body.

Prospect of Passage: Because Kentucky is quite “pro-life” and the House and Senate both reflect that, with calls, HB 67 has a reasonable chance to pass.



Dignified Disposal of Human Remains Act - (*Fetal Remains*) House Bill number to be assigned – use title and sponsor on your calls

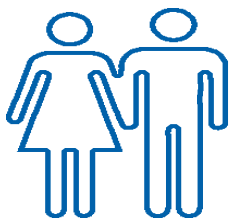
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your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Rep. Nancy Tate: This bill would ensure that the bodies of pre-viability babies, and babies whose lives are terminated by abortion or by natural causes, would be treated in a manner that respects the dignity of human life.

Advocates say: Aborted babies have been found in trash cans, basements, landfills and saved in canisters. At best they are treated as medical waste. They are human lives whose bodies should, at the very least, be treated in a dignified manner.

Opponents say: Products from abortion are simply tissue like any other tissue removed in other surgeries. Medical waste is medical waste. This is simply another effort by anti-choicers to make it harder for women to get the reproductive healthcare that they need.

Prospect of Passage: Many care about the dignified treatment of human remains, but some see this as an anti-abortion bill. People should call.



Parents’ Rights Protection Act - Senate Bill 116

Check off
your 3 calls ☐ ☐ ☐

By Sen. Stephen West: This bill would affirm the rights of parents as “fundamental rights” and direct the courts to consider them so before they infringe on the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children. Historically, parents’ rights have been considered fundamental, but recently there has been a trend of government cases that allow others to make decisions for children without parental knowledge. The bill requires that the state have a compelling interest (such as child abuse) before it, unnecessarily, undermines the family unit by restricting parents’ rights.

Advocates say: No one cares more for children than their parents. But, more and more bureaucrats and elected officials are deciding that the government, *not the parent*, is the one who makes decisions for a child. Mandatory liberal sex education, abortions and cross-sex hormones treatments without parental knowledge, and claims of false “medical child abuse” have resulted in children being wrongly removed from loving homes. This bill still allows parents who violate the sacred trust of parenthood to lose authority over their children while ensuring a better balance so that government does not replace parents.

Opponents say: This law is dangerous. It protects bad parents. The United Nations has declared that children have rights to determine what they want and the government needs to enforce that. The government, educators, psychologists and other professionals study what is best for kids and they should be guiding children and helping them make their decisions. After all, “it takes a village” to raise a child. Children, especially teens, in consultation with these professionals should be able to make their own decisions and be self-determining without the interference of parents.

Prospect of Passage: Parents’ rights are basic, but many now favor government workers and professionals to preside. Let your voice be heard!

Please, over the next few weeks call three times on each bill listed. (You can do 2 to 3 bills on each call.)

We are here to help **YOU** make your calls!

Please understand that your legislator knows that YOU sent him (or her) to Frankfort. They WANT to hear from you because they WANT your vote in the next election (which is this Fall). Speak God's perspective to them and they will be encouraged!

The Family Foundation's desire is to get God's wisdom involved in Frankfort so that our Commonwealth can do great things. The best way we can help is to have an "inside Frankfort" strategy and an "outside Frankfort" strategy. Basically, we need to do two things:

1) Work inside Frankfort by offering Godly counsel to legislators as various bills emerge and as various debates develop. That is our "inside Frankfort" strategy – serving legislators face-to-face with the truth and the grace we all know need to be applied for good solutions to Kentucky's problems.

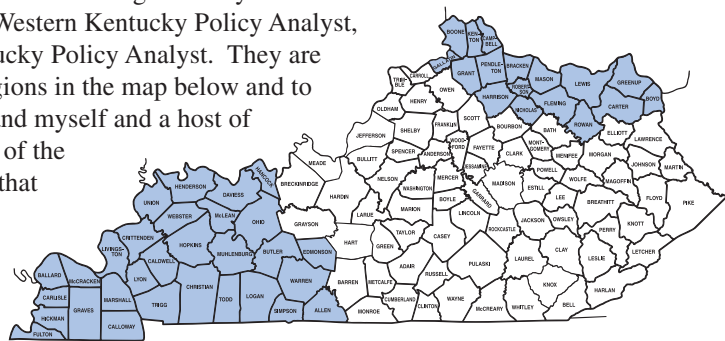
2) Work outside Frankfort by getting the people of God who have been trained in right and wrong over the years by their pastor to weigh-in on the various pieces of legislation. There is nothing more pleasing than to go into a legislator's office who has been encouraged by many people to vote for House Bill (XX) or Senate Bill (XX) When that happens, the legislator is of the frame of mind to look deeply into the content of the bill and roll up his/her sleeves "to get that bill passed"! That is our "outside strategy" and **YOU** are key!

The Family Foundation's staff who serve legislators



From left to right are **Baxter Boyd**, **Cole Cuzick**, **Joyce Ostrander** and **John Wehrle**

Outside Strategy: Those who work significantly in our "outside strategy" are Baxter Boyd, Western Kentucky Policy Analyst, and Cole Cuzick, our Northern Kentucky Policy Analyst. They are the ones who cover the large blue regions in the map below and to the right. Joyce, John, David Moreland myself and a host of volunteers cover the remaining areas of the state to distribute this publication so that as many citizens as possible know what is going on in Frankfort and how they can have an impact by giving them an easy path to let their voice be heard effectively.



The bottom line is this: If the Body of Christ decides to be the salt it was created to be, many good things will happen in the Commonwealth. If we lose our ability to savor or just apathetically look the other way, "then we are worth nothing more than to be thrown out and trodden underfoot of men."

We all know Edmund Burke's, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." When you think about it, he was simply restating Jesus' words about "the salt."

Let's be the salt. Let's do our work. If we do, Kentucky will be an even better place.

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Over the next few weeks, please call and leave messages three times on each bill. You can message up to three bills on one call. And, you can mix and match bills on each call. (Use the boxes to keep track.)

Here are the **"How To's"**

It's simple! You don't have to be an expert to make a difference . . . just a citizen.

Your call to the Legislative Message Line should only take about one minute. Think about it – *it takes less time and it is easier than ordering a pizza!* Remember, you are only leaving your message with a receptionist – no pressure. Here are a few tips to making your responsible Christian citizenship as easy, but as effective, as possible:



Be Kind - You can be firm, but be polite. Your legislator wants to hear from you (he/she wants your vote next time), so don't give him a reason to ignore your message.

Be Direct - You do not *have* to have a bill number; just state clearly what you want. Your legislator will know what you want when he gets your message, like, ***"Pass The Parents' Bill of Rights - To be offered by Sen. Steve West."*** (But, bill numbers ARE helpful!)

Be Full of Faith - You are speaking, to the best of your ability, the concerns that the Lord would have, so be confident, even bold with your encouragement. Just pray and call.

Do Not Be Religious - Christian-speak and Bible-speak are not known languages in Frankfort. Speak your message in the language of the listener – simply make common sense for Kentucky. The truth that you share will have its own impact.

Call / Act soon - Legislators have "plunged" into the 2020 Session so things will move rapidly until the main part of the Session is over on March 31. Call soon to make one call and list two or three bills with your perspective . . . then a few days later, make another call with two or three other bills. Continue this process until you leave three messages on every bill.

Have your spouse call - Double your impact by simply having your spouse call.

Encourage Others to Call - You can double, triple or even multiply your impact ten-fold by getting others to make the calls – your Sunday School class, Bible study, etc.

The 2020 Session has begun . . . Here's what we need to know:

How A Bill Becomes Law



A law begins its journey toward enactment when it is introduced as a bill. It can be introduced in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, but it must be approved by both in order to be sent to the Governor for his signature, at which point it becomes law.

Once a bill is introduced in one of the Chambers (either the House or the Senate), the Committee on Committees (both the House and the Senate have one) decide to which committee the bill will be sent. This is an important decision, because it is harder to get a bill through some committees than others.

The Speaker of the House is the chairman of the House Committee on Committees, and the Senate President is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees.

When the bill has been received by a committee, the chairman of the committee decides whether the bill should be heard by the committee. If the chairman decides that the bill should not be heard, it simply dies. If it is heard, it is either approved or defeated. If it is approved, it goes to the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee of each Chamber is also a powerful committee. The Rules Committee decides when and whether a bill gets to the Chamber Floor for a vote. It can either send the bill directly to the Floor or back to another committee for further review.

When a bill finally reaches the Floor, before it can be voted on, it must be read (announced) three times. The Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate can refuse to call the bill for a vote, in which case it will eventually die. If the bill is voted on and passed, it goes on to the other Chamber and starts the same entire process for approval there.

If one Chamber passes a bill and the other Chamber changes it in any way, the bill

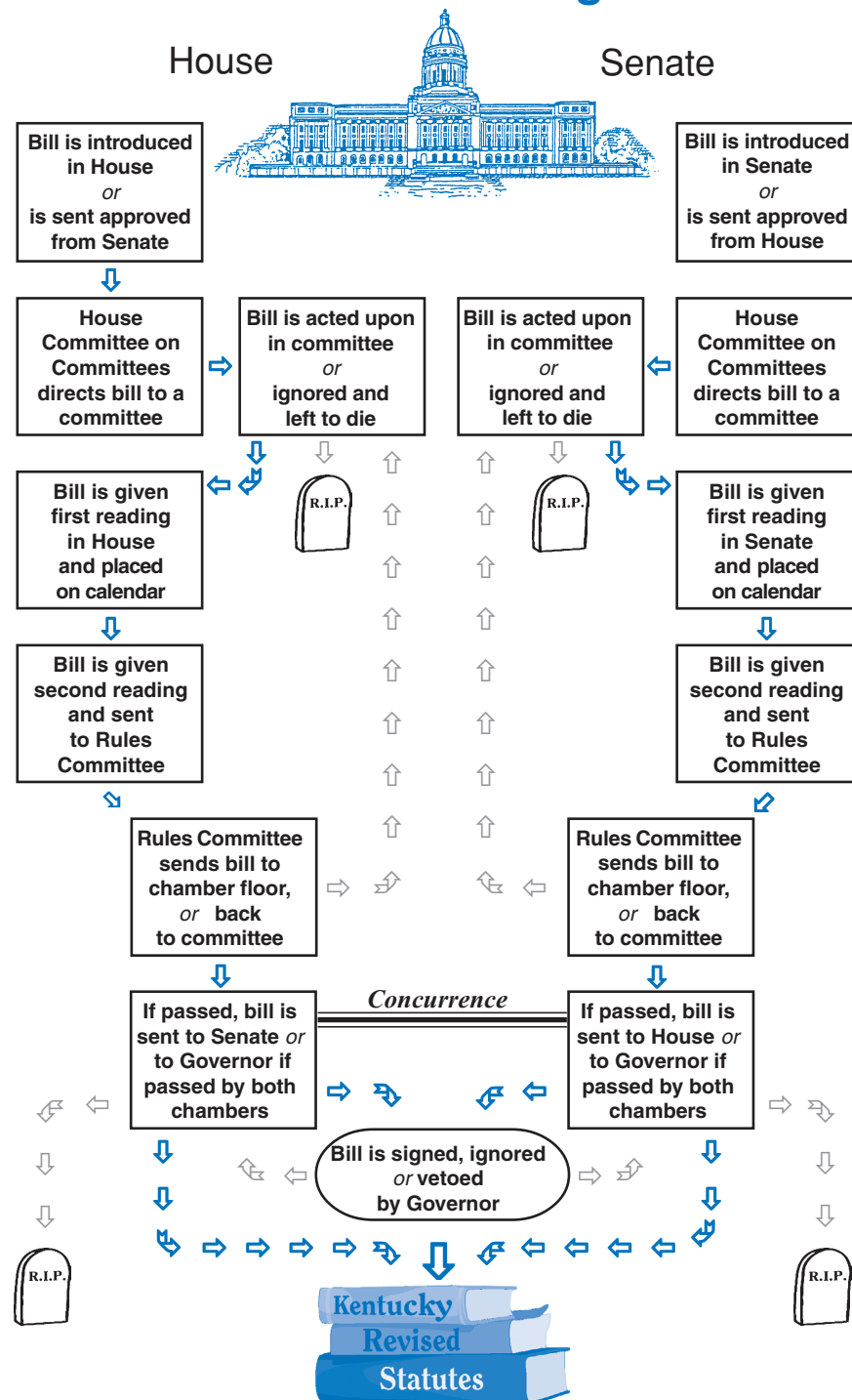
must go back to the Chamber in which it originated so that change can be approved. This is called "concurrency."

Once it passes in both Chambers, it goes to the Governor for his signature.

When the Governor receives the bill on his desk, he can do one of three things: he can sign it, veto it, or simply not act on it. If he signs it, it becomes law. If he does not sign it, it still becomes law. Not signing a bill, but letting it go into effect is a way for the Governor to express disapproval without actually stopping the bill.

If the Governor vetoes the bill, the bill can only become law if the General Assembly overrides the veto. A veto can be overridden only by a constitutional majority of both Chambers. In the House, a constitutional majority is 51 votes (one more than half of 100). In the Senate, it is 20 votes (one more than half of 38). If the veto is overridden in this way, the bill becomes law. If it is not overridden, it does not become law.

The Road to Passing a Bill



Calendar

for the 2020 General Assembly

January 7
January 20
February 17
February 21
March 2
March 3
March 31 - April 1
April 2-13
April 14-15

Session Begins
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (holiday)
Presidents' Day (holiday)
Last day for bill requests
Last day for new House bills
Last day for new Senate bills
Concurrency
Governor's veto period (10 days)
Veto override period and Sine Die

Call the Legislative Message Line with YOUR perspective. If you do, you WILL BE the salt and the light you were created to be.

By calling, you are “prophesying” to government

You don't have to be perfect to make a difference. And, you don't need to be hesitant. When you consider Biblical heroes, many of them who impacted “policy” were just people who stepped forward at the right time, enabling God's will and delivering their people.

Joseph faithfully served a pagan pharaoh in a “policy role” and ultimately was a “savior” to Jacob (Israel) and his clan. Just one man made a huge influence.

Daniel faithfully served a pagan government – several different rulers – and was honored by all for his godly wisdom and demeanor. Again, just one man.

Esther stepped forward at the right moment in history to deliver her people from an evil policy decree. Just one woman . . . and her life was *not focused* on “policy.”

David served God and Israel as the king “after God's own heart,” yet it was also very clear that he was not a perfect man.

Like David, Solomon served God as the wisest man, yet he too was not without personal failures.

Consider Paul's explicit call. He was called to several different “people groups” by Jesus Himself: Acts 9:14-15 “*But the Lord said to him (Ananias), ‘Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel . . .’*” ONE of those “people groups” was “KINGS” – the politicians of the day.

No one should be left out from hearing God's truth. ALL persons, perhaps especially governmental leaders, should have someone bear Jesus' Name and ALL that Name means.

You have been “planted” in Kentucky for such a time as this. Kentucky can be a leader for the nation because the people of faith of the Commonwealth speak out.

For More . . .

#1 If you want to receive free, emailed **UPDATES** regarding legislation in this publication to share with others . . .

#2 If you want bulletin inserts to activate your church . . .

#3 If you want to receive our bi-monthly **CITIZEN** newsletter . . . OR

#4 If you want to help get this publication out more broadly . . .



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Call in the evening!

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