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## VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 388 OF THE 2024 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 388 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

The structure of the Louisville Metro Government was democratically created by the people of Jefferson County through the popular vote of the people of Jefferson County. The General Assembly is attempting to overturn this previous election through House Bill 388. Letting the people decide their form of government is a basic tenet of democracy. The legislature claiming that it knows better than the people is antidemocratic. If the basis for House Bill 388 is truly good government in making Louisville elections "nonpartisan," then the General Assembly should make all elections in the Commonwealth nonpartisan.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 388.

This, the day of April, 2024.

Andy Beshea

Governor



