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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 273 OF THE
2018 REGULAR SESSION

I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 273 of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 273 reaffirms and seeks to make Kentucky's closed primary system even more closed, preventing some voters from having a voice in primary elections. Voters who wish to change political parties when they recognize their current party no longer reflects their values should not face undue burdens and narrow timetables imposed by the state in order to exercise their right to vote.

This the 26th Day of April, 2018

A handwritten signature of Matthew G. Bevin in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor