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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 183 OF THE
2026 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:

Senate Bill 183 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 183 at the request of faith-based organizations that believe it infringes on their First Amendment rights. Faith-based organizations provide retirement and health care benefits to their clergy and faith workers and should be free to do so in a way that reflects their faith and teachings. Clergy and faith workers may desire to invest their retirement savings according to the same deeply-held faith-based beliefs. Senate Bill 183 threatens the constitutional right of faith-based organizations to carry out their investments as they and their members wish to. The bill would force faith-based organizations that engage in proxy voting as an expression of their beliefs to expose faith-based investors to heightened disclosure and costly litigation, and would infringe on their right to exercise their faith in engaging with companies where they are shareholders. I have attached a letter from one of these organizations to this veto message.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 183.

This, the 27th day of March, 2026.


Andy Beshear
Governor

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