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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 59 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

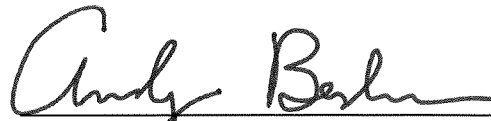
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

Senate Bill 59 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*As written, Senate Bill 59 is far too broad and violates the First Amendment. It would prohibit members of the General Assembly from speaking from their annex offices or on state or public property about constitutional amendments set to appear on the ballot. Many state legislators used these and other state resources in 2022 when Kentucky voters defeated Amendment 2, and again in 2024 when voters in all 120 Kentucky counties rejected a change to the Kentucky Constitution that would have allowed public dollars to flow to private schools. We should be protecting the First Amendment and not restricting it.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 59.*

This, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Andy Beshear  
Governor

