

# The **Ron Crimm** Record

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## **Earning your vote**

LOUISVILLE – (Oct. 25, 2010) As I'm sure you will all agree, it has been a long political season, and it's always good to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Walking door to door and meeting so many of you personally is always something I have enjoyed. In fact, I try to walk different precincts in the district even in non-election years, as the district is too big to cover in one campaign season.

Unfortunately, by 2012 I may lose a portion of you as my constituents due to the 2010 census. Each state representative's district is required to be as nearly equal in population as possible, and I believe my district (the 33<sup>rd</sup>) has grown by about 8,000 since the last census. With the new population figures to be released early next year, the state legislature will be responsible for redrawing the local, state and federal districts that will be used until 2020. The reconfiguration of districts is just one of many important reasons I hope you will find your way to the polls on November 2.

Two more reasons to get out and vote on November 2 are jobs and the state budget. I was one of the dissenting votes against raising the state's debt by \$2.2 billion and raising taxes by \$280 million. By sending me back to the House, I will continue to fight for a structurally balanced budget, reduced debt and much less deficit spending. As for jobs, I have continually fought for and supported legislation to make not only Louisville, but also Kentucky, friendly to businesses – which in turn creates more jobs. For more information on my support of job creation, please visit the [Ron Crimm Record](#) page. (Additionally, if you know people in other House districts, please encourage them to vote for the candidates that also support these principles.)

Switching focus a little, I wanted to highlight a few of the lower-profile bills I've sponsored and passed that have made a big difference to many Kentuckians. After 14 of 17 deadly accidents on the Gene Snyder affected Eastern High School students, several of them began a petition asking the state to build cable barriers to prevent cars from crossing the median causing head-on collisions. To help their effort, I offered HR 8 directing the Highway Department to consider placing these barriers. The state not only added the barriers to the Snyder, but also to other highways. To date, a number of lives have been saved because barriers do help prevent head-on accidents.

In 2006 I sponsored HB 28, Isaac's Bill, which updated the electrical code after a small child was electrocuted due to shoddy work by an electrical contractor. (In this case, an electrician was hired to install wiring in a home addition, and knowingly cut corners.) At the time, there was only a small fee for a contractor to record his or her work with a county, with no oversight requirement. With the passage of HB 28, the electrical contractor must now pay the fee, obtain a permit, and when the job is finished, have the work inspected by the county. The more stringent code will help prevent another tragic death due to lazy workmanship.

Schizophrenia is a terrible illness with which to deal. I was asked to write a bill that would give a person diagnosed with schizophrenia the opportunity to name a surrogate so when the individual is not able to speak for themselves, the surrogate could. I learned a lot about this illness while working on the bill. It is a little bit like teaching, the teacher learns more in preparation than the student. The bill passed.

In 2008 we helped an industry and consumers with the passage of HB393, requiring a car rental company to disclose all fees when quoting a rental. I was pleased to have sponsored this and have the Governor sign it. HB 230 provides individuals with a high face amount of life insurance to gain access to a portion of this money in time of need.

I hope over the years that I have earned your trust and confidence by supporting these issues, along with those outlined in the previous "Ron Crimm Record" editions. Thank you for taking the time to read these releases. For further information on my legislative work, please visit: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislat/pastses.htm>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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