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## KY Supreme Court upholds the rule of law

On Thursday, Dec. 13th, the Kentucky Supreme Court issued an unanimous opinion letting the General Assembly know that they, too, must abide by the Kentucky Constitution. As the Attorney General, KEA and the Fraternal Order of Police have been saying all along, even the legislature is not above the law.

The Supreme Court deemed SB 151 unconstitutional. SB 151 was an 11 page sewage bill that was amended into a 291 page pension reform law that did little to actually help any of the pension systems.

The KEA and Fraternal Order of Police were proud to join with Attorney General Andy Beshear to defend the state constitution and the protections it provides citizens to be a part of the legislative process.

The 7-0 decision by the Supreme Court leaves little doubt about how laws should be passed in the legislature. As educators we ensure our students learn how to be good citizens and respect the laws of the land. We expect no less from elected officials.

We might celebrate for a short time, but our work is far from over. All the public pension systems need to continue to be appropriately funded. Public school employees need to stay vigilant in the fight for defined benefit pensions. KEA will continue to keep members informed if new pension legislation is introduced or discussed during the upcoming legislative session.

For information on the history of pension law or to read the Supreme Court opinion, please click [here](#).

To listen to my statements on the decision visit the [KEA Facebook page](#) to watch the video of the press conference.

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