

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 12, 2017

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
5 BILL NO. 2177

6 By: Bennett (John), West  
7 (Rick), Enns, Vaughan,  
8 Dunlap, McDugle, Moore,  
9 Brumbaugh, Strohm, Roberts  
10 (Sean), Babinec, Coody,  
11 Faught, Ritze, Cleveland,  
12 Russ, Calvey, Nollan,  
13 Martinez, Humphrey, West  
14 (Josh), Jordan, Derby,  
15 Downing, Gann, Rogers,  
16 Roberts (Dustin), Murphey,  
17 Newton, Hilbert, Kerbs and  
18 Montgomery of the House

19 and

20 Bergstrom, Allen, Brecheen,  
21 Dahm, Boggs, Silk,  
22 Standridge, Scott, Daniels  
23 and Pederson of the Senate

24 [ historical artifacts - historically significant  
documents - codification - noncodification -  
effective date ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1           A. Certain historical documents, monuments and writings have  
2 been recognized to commemorate freedom and the rich history of  
3 Oklahoma and the United States of America.

4           B. The Ten Commandments, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact,  
5 Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, Bill of  
6 Rights, Constitution of the Great State of Oklahoma, and other such  
7 historically significant documents are recognized throughout the  
8 world.

9           C. The Ten Commandments, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact,  
10 Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, Bill of  
11 Rights, Constitution of the Great State of Oklahoma, and other such  
12 historically significant documents are treasures that should be  
13 displayed proudly and resolutely in public buildings and on public  
14 grounds.

15           SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2101 of Title 25, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18           A. Every county, municipality, city, town, school or any other  
19 political subdivision is authorized to display, in its public  
20 buildings and on its grounds, replicas of historical documents  
21 including, but not limited to, the Ten Commandments, Magna Carta,  
22 Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, United States  
23 Constitution, Bill of Rights, Oklahoma Constitution and other  
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1 historically significant documents in the form of statues,  
2 monuments, memorials, tablets or any other display that respects the  
3 dignity and solemnity of such documents.

4 B. In the event that the legality or constitutionality of any  
5 such display is challenged in a court of law, the Oklahoma Attorney  
6 General is authorized to prepare and present a legal defense of the  
7 display.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
10 April 12, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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