

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1878

By: Coates, Williamson and  
Garrison of the Senate

and

Worthen of the House

[ contracts - codification -

effective date ]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 777 of Title 15 unless there is created duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any contract or other agreement to display a Ten Commandments monument on county property shall be approved by a majority of the county commissioners of said county and shall not be approved without the commissioners having been advised by the Office of the District Attorney or the Office of Attorney General on the constitutional manner of displaying the Ten Commandments on public property. The Office of the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority to provide such advice and to provide defense of any lawsuit brought to remove the Ten Commandments monument when requested by a majority of the county commissioners of said county.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) and of the funds appropriated herein, the Office of the Attorney General shall transfer up to the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be required by the District Attorneys of Oklahoma and District Attorneys Council to the District Attorneys Evidence Fund for any expenses relating to legal

services necessary to advise any county commissioners in their district, on the constitutional manner in which they can display the Ten Commandments on public property and for necessary expenses relating to the defense of any lawsuits which are brought to remove any such monument erected within the constitutional guidelines provided to said county. The appropriated money herein shall be used for defense only when the Board of County Commissioners have requested the Office of the Attorney General defend such lawsuit and the Office of the Attorney General has declined.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives