

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1330
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the printed Bill
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Mike Ritze

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1330

By: Ritze of the House

and

6 Brogdon of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to state government; providing for
11 legislative findings; creating the Ten Commandments
12 Monument Display Act; authorizing the placement of a
13 monument displaying the Ten Commandments on the
14 grounds of the Oklahoma State Capitol; authorizing
15 the State Capitol Preservation Commission to work
16 with certain persons in designing a monument;
17 providing for the location for the monument;
18 authorizing the Attorney General or Liberty Legal
19 Institute to defend certain challenges; providing for
20 codification; providing for noncodification; and
21 providing an effective date.

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

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

The Legislature finds:

1. That the Ten Commandments are an important component of the
2 foundation of the laws and legal system of the United States of
3 America and of the State of Oklahoma;

1 2. That the courts of the United States of America and of
2 various states frequently cite the Ten Commandments in published
3 decisions; and

4 3. Acknowledgements of the role played by the Ten Commandments
5 in our nation's heritage are common throughout America.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4110 of Title 74, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Ten
10 Commandments Monument Display Act".

11 B. The State Capitol Preservation Commission or designee is
12 hereby authorized to permit and arrange for the placement on the
13 State Capitol grounds of a suitable monument displaying the Ten
14 Commandments. The Ten Commandments monument shall use the same
15 words used on the monument at issue in *Van Orden v. Perry*, that the
16 United States Supreme Court ruled constitutional. This monument
17 shall be designed, constructed, and placed on the Capitol grounds by
18 private entities at no expense to the State of Oklahoma. The State
19 Capitol Preservation Commission or designee is authorized to assist
20 private entities in selecting a location for the monument and
21 arranging a suitable time for its placement.

22 C. In the event that the legality or constitutionality of the
23 Ten Commandments monument is challenged in a court of law, the
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1 Oklahoma Attorney General or Liberty Legal Institute is hereby
2 authorized to prepare and present a legal defense of the monument.

3 D. The placement of this monument shall not be construed to
4 mean that the State of Oklahoma favors any particular religion or
5 denomination thereof over others, but rather will be placed on the
6 Capitol grounds where there are numerous other monuments.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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