

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2177

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Roberts (Dustin), Murphey,
Newton, Hilbert, Kerbs and
Montgomery of the House

8 And

9 Bergstrom, Allen, Brecheen,
10 Dahm, Boggs and Silk of the
11 Senate

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13 An Act relating to historical artifacts; providing
14 for legislative intent; authorizing certain entities
15 to display historically significant documents on
16 certain property; authorizing Attorney General to
17 defend certain actions; providing for codification;
18 providing for noncodification; and providing an
19 effective date.

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

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

23 A. Certain historical documents, monuments and writings have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

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

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

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

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17 buildings and on its grounds, replicas of historical documents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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate