

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2177

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West (Kevin), Sanders,
McCall and Lawson of the
House

and

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Quinn, Murdock and Shaw of
the Senate

An Act relating to historical artifacts; providing for legislative intent; authorizing certain entities to display historically significant documents on certain property; authorizing Attorney General to defend certain actions; providing for codification; and providing for noncodification.

SUBJECT: Historical artifacts

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:

A. Certain historical documents, monuments and writings have been recognized to commemorate freedom, the rule of law and the rich history of Oklahoma and the United States of America.

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

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

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

A. Every county, municipality, city, town, school or any other political subdivision is authorized to display, in its public buildings and on its grounds, replicas of historical documents including, but not limited to, the Ten Commandments, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, Oklahoma Constitution and other historically significant documents in the form of statues, monuments, memorials, tablets or any other display that respects the dignity and solemnity of such documents. Such documents shall be displayed in a manner consistent with the context of other documents contained in such display.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of May, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of April, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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