

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2268

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5 By: Representative Morris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS
10 TO PLACE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON DISPLAY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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14 "TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC
15 BUILDINGS TO PLACE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
16 ON DISPLAY. "

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19 WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence declares that governments are
20 instituted to secure certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and
21 the pursuit of happiness, with which all human beings are endowed by their
22 creator; and

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24 WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
25 secures rights against laws respecting an establishment of religion or
26 prohibiting the free expression thereof, and

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28 WHEREAS, The United States Code and the constitutions of every state,
29 using various expressions, recognize God as the source of the blessings of
30 liberty, and

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32 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment reserves to the States respectively the
33 powers not delegated to the United States Government nor prohibited to the
34 States.

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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 SECTION 1. Public schools and public buildings owned or administered by
4 the State of Arkansas or a political subdivision may display the Ten
5 Commandments on its property.

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7 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
18 hereby repealed.