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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO
10 AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL
13 MOTTO AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-4-133 is amended to read as follows:
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19 1-4-133. Display of national motto - Display of the Ten Commandments.
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21 (a)(1) If funds under subsection (b) of this section are available,
22 local school superintendents, local government building administrators, or
23 chief administrators of the public schools in this state, or institutions of
24 higher education, or their respective designees, and the administrative
25 officials of state agencies, or their respective designees, shall prominently
26 display the following in a conspicuous place in a location described in
27 subdivision (a)(2) of this section ~~a durable poster or framed copy~~
28 ~~containing:~~

29 (A)(i) ~~The~~ A durable poster or framed copy of the national
30 motto of the United States, "In God We Trust".

31 (ii) The national motto shall:

32 (a) Be easily readable on a poster or framed
33 copy of at least eleven inches by fourteen inches (11" x 14");

34 (b) Be the central focus of the poster or
35 framed ~~copy, and~~

36 (c) ~~Be displayed in a large font size.~~



1 (iii) The durable poster or framed copy required
2 under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include:

3 ~~(B)(a)~~ An accurate representation of the
4 United States flag, which shall be under the national motto; and

5 ~~(C)(b)~~ An accurate representation of the
6 Arkansas state flag or flags; and

7 (B)(i) A durable poster or framed copy of a historical
8 representation of the Ten Commandments.

9 (ii) The durable poster or framed copy of a
10 historical representation of the Ten Commandments required by subdivision
11 (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall:

12 (a) Include the text of the Ten Commandments
13 in a size and typeface that is legible to a person with average vision from
14 anywhere in the room in which the durable poster or framed copy is displayed;
15 and

16 (b) Be at least sixteen inches by twenty
17 inches (16" x 20").

18 (iii) The text of the durable poster or framed copy
19 of the Ten Commandments shall read as follows:

20 "The Ten Commandments

21 I am the Lord thy God.

22 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

23 Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.

24 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

25 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

26 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land

27 which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

28 Thou shalt not kill.

29 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

30 Thou shalt not steal.

31 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

32 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

33 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his
34 maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

35 (2) The durable posters or framed copies donated or purchased
36 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be displayed in each:

1 (A) Public institution of higher education and elementary
2 and secondary school library and classroom in this state; and

3 (B) Public building or facility in this state that is
4 maintained or operated by taxpayer funds.

5 (b) The copies or posters *authorized under* this section shall either
6 be donated or ~~shall be~~ purchased solely with funds made available through
7 voluntary contributions to the local school boards, local building governing
8 entity, or the Building Authority Division.

9 (c) If a copy or poster required under this section does not meet the
10 requirements of subsection (a) of this section, then an institution specified
11 under subsection (a) of this section may replace the copy or poster with a
12 copy or poster that meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section:

13 (1) With public funds; or

14 (2) By accepting a private donation.

15 (d) If an institution specified under subsection (a) of this section
16 has a copy or poster that is not needed for display, then the institution
17 specified under subsection (a) of this section shall donate the copy or
18 poster to another institution specified under subsection (a) of this section.

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20 /s/J. Dotson
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