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## HOUSE BILL No. 1180

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**Citations Affected:** IC 4-20.5; IC 36-1.

**Synopsis:** Display of Ten Commandments on public property. Authorizes the display of the Ten Commandments on real property owned by the state or a political subdivision as part of an exhibit displaying other documents of historical significance that formed and influenced the United States legal or governmental system. Provides that the statute may not be construed to prohibit the continued display of the Ten Commandments in an existing freestanding monument.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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**Denbo, Whetstone, Cook, Mock, Adams T,  
Alderman, Atterholt, Ayres, Bailey, Becker,  
Behning, Bischoff, Bodiker, Bosma, Bottorff,  
Brown C, Brown T, Buck, Buell, Burton, Cherry,  
Cochran, Cook, GiaQuinta, Goeglein, Grubb,  
Harris, Herrell, Hoffman, Kersey, Klinker,  
Kromkowski, Kruse, Kruzan, Kuzman, Liggett,  
Linder, Lutz J, Mangus, Mannweiler, McClain,  
Mellinger, Munson, Murphy, Oxley, Pond,  
Richardson, Ripley, Robertson, Ruppel,  
Saunders, Smith V, Smith M, Steele, Stevenson,  
Stilwell, Sturtz, Thompson, Tincher, Torr,  
Turner, Villalpando, Weinzapfel, Welch,  
Wolkins, Young D, Young M, Yount**

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs.

January 26, 2000, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 31, 2000, read second time, call withdrawn.

February 1, 2000, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1180

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-20.5-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2000]:

4 **Chapter 21. Displays on Public Property**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter governs the display of objects on real**  
6 **property owned by the state.**

7 **Sec. 2. An object containing the words of the Ten**  
8 **Commandments may be displayed on real property owned by the**  
9 **state along with other documents of historical significance that**  
10 **have formed and influenced the United States legal or**  
11 **governmental system. The display of an object containing the**  
12 **words of the Ten Commandments must be in the same manner and**  
13 **appearance generally as other documents and objects displayed,**  
14 **and shall not be presented or displayed in any fashion that results**  
15 **in calling attention to it apart from the other displayed documents**  
16 **and objects.**

17 **Sec. 3. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit the**

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1 continued display of the Ten Commandments in an existing  
2 freestanding monument.

3 SECTION 2. IC 36-1-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
4 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 2000]:

6 **Chapter 16. Displays on Public Property**

7 **Sec. 1. This chapter governs the display of objects on real  
8 property owned by a political subdivision.**

9 **Sec. 2. An object containing the words of the Ten  
10 Commandments may be displayed on real property owned by a  
11 political subdivision along with other documents of historical  
12 significance that have formed and influenced the United States  
13 legal or governmental system. The display of an object containing  
14 the words of the Ten Commandments must be in the same manner  
15 and appearance generally as other documents and objects  
16 displayed, and shall not be presented or displayed in any fashion  
17 that results in calling attention to it apart from the other displayed  
18 documents and objects.**

19 **Sec. 3. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit the  
20 continued display of the Ten Commandments in an existing  
21 freestanding monument.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1180, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1180 as introduced.)

KUZMAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1180 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**“Sec. 3. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit the continued display of the Ten Commandments in an existing freestanding monument.”**

Page 2, after line 15 , begin a new paragraph and insert:

**“Sec. 3. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit the continued display of the Ten Commandments in an existing freestanding monument.”**

(Reference is to HB1180 as printed January 27, 2000.)

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