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ALLOW PUBLIC POSTING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

House Bill 6048 Sponsor: Rep. Robert Gosselin

Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6048 AS INTRODUCED 9-28-00

The bill would create a new act to allow the display of the Ten Commandments on public property (defined in the bill to mean "a building or land owned, possessed, or leased by the state or a political subdivision of the state") if all of the following requirements were met:

- The Ten Commandments were displayed with other documents, public records, or objects of historical significance that have formed and influenced the legal or governmental system of the United States:
- The Ten Commandments were displayed in the same manner as other documents, public records, or objects that were displayed at the same time and location; and
- The display did not focus more attention on the Ten Commandments than on other documents, public records, or other objects that were displayed at the same time and location.

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