

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

Introduced by

Representatives Hoverson, Heilman, Nehring, Osowski, Schatz, VanWinkle, K. Anderson  
Senators Paulson, Weston, Enget, Castaneda, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 and a new section to  
2 chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to displays of the ten  
3 commandments in state educational institutions and public schools.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Ten commandments - Displays.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall display the ten commandments in ~~each~~  
9 ~~classroom~~a prominent and visible location in a cafeteria on the campus of each state  
10 educational institution under its control and administration. A state educational  
11 institution may display the ten commandments in other prominent and visible locations  
12 at its discretion.
- 13 2. The display must be:
- 14 a. On a poster or framed document that is at least eleven inches [27.94  
15 centimeters] in width and fourteen inches [35.56 centimeters] in length.
- 16 b. The central focus of the poster or framed document.
- 17 c. Printed in a large, easily readable font.
- 18 3. The text must read as follows:
- 19 The Ten Commandments
- 20 I AM the LORD thy God.

- 1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2 Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.
- 3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- 4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 5 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the
- 6 Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 7 Thou shalt not kill.
- 8 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 9 Thou shalt not steal.
- 10 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 11 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.
- 12 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor
- 13 his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.
- 14 4. The state board of higher education shall adopt rules to implement this section.
- 15 5. The state board of higher education and any state educational institution under its
- 16 control and administration ~~may~~ shall spend ~~its funds or~~ donated funds to purchase the
- 17 displays ~~and may~~ accept donated displays.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
19 and enacted as follows:

20 **Ten commandments - Displays.**

- 21 1. A board of a school district shall display the ten commandments in ~~each classroom~~
- 22 ~~and building on school grounds~~ a prominent and visible location in a cafeteria of each
- 23 school in the school district. A school may display the ten commandments in other
- 24 prominent and visible locations, at the discretion of the school administrator or board
- 25 of the school district.
- 26 2. The display must be:
  - 27 a. On a poster or framed document that is at least eleven inches [27.94
  - 28 centimeters] in width and fourteen inches [35.56 centimeters] in length.
  - 29 b. The central focus of the poster or framed document.
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- 14          Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor
- 15          his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.
- 16          4. The state board of public school education shall adopt rules to implement this section.
- 17          5. A board of a school district ~~may~~ shall spend ~~its funds or~~ donated funds to purchase the
- 18          displays ~~and may~~ accept donated displays.