

HOUSE BILL No. 4596

April 29, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Bradstreet, Howell, Milosch, Caswell, Brandenburg, Voorhees, Newell, Steil, Van Regenmorter, Kooiman, Stahl, Ruth Johnson, Hager, Hummel, Richardville, Vander Veen, Ehardt, Hart, Daniels, Palsrok, Hoogendyk, McConico, Garfield, Acciavatti, Emmons, Bisbee, Reeves, Casperson, Walker, Sheltroun, Pumford, Stewart, Julian, Meyer, Moolenaar, Williams, Brown, Stakoe, Farhat, Rocca, Pastor, LaJoy, Phillips, O'Neil, Wenke, DeRoche, Nofs, Drolet, Palmer, Pappageorge, Huizenga, Shaffer, Gaffney, Sheen, Hune, Koetje, Robertson, Gleason, Adamini, Ward, Caul, Gillard and Elkins and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to allow the display of the Ten Commandments on public property under certain circumstances.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) A document or other object that contains the
2 Ten Commandments may be displayed on public property if all of
3 the following circumstances are met:

4 (a) It is displayed with other documents, public records, or
5 objects of historical significance that have formed and
6 influenced the legal or governmental system of the United
7 States.

8 (b) It is displayed in the same manner as other documents,
9 public records, or objects that are displayed at the same time
10 and location.

11 (c) The display does not focus more attention on it than on
12 other documents, public records, or other objects that are

1 displayed at the same time and location.

2 (2) As used in this section:

3 (a) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, township,
4 village, school district, or other governmental unit.

5 (b) "Public property" means a building or land owned,
6 possessed, or leased by this state or a political subdivision of
7 this state.