

1 AN ACT concerning the display of historical documents.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Historical Writings Display Act.

6 Section 5. Historical writing defined. "Historical  
7 writing" means a writing, proclamation, speech text, or some  
8 other document that is of historical or cultural  
9 significance. "Historic writing" includes, without  
10 limitation, the following:

- 11 (1) the Magna Carta;
- 12 (2) the Mayflower Compact;
- 13 (3) the national motto;
- 14 (4) the Declaration of Independence;
- 15 (6) the United States Constitution;
- 16 (7) the Illinois Constitution;
- 17 (8) the national anthem;
- 18 (9) the Pledge of Allegiance;
- 19 (10) the writings, speeches, documents, or  
20 proclamations of the Founders or the Presidents of the  
21 United States;
- 22 (11) Court opinions;
- 23 (12) Acts and resolutions of the United States  
24 Congress or of the Illinois General Assembly; and
- 25 (13) the Ten Commandments.

26 Section 10. Display by local governments. A unit of  
27 local government may allow an official of that unit of local  
28 government to read or post for public display in a public  
29 building or at a public event all or part of an historical  
30 writing. Nothing in this Section is intended to limit the

1 items that a unit of local government may place on public  
2 display.

3 Section 15. Display by schools. A school board may allow  
4 a teacher or administrator of a school district to read or  
5 post for public display in a public school building, in a  
6 public school classroom, or at a public school event all or  
7 part of an historical writing. Nothing in this Section is  
8 intended to limit the items that a school district may place  
9 on public display.

10 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act  
11 are severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.