

HJR 48 -- Right to Pray

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This proposed constitutional amendment adds wording to the state's Bill of Rights to make it explicit that neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions can establish an official religion or compel prayer or any other religious activity. However, expressions of a citizen's religion are permitted on public property, including public schools, when the prayer is private, voluntary, nondisruptive, and within the same limits placed on free speech of other kinds in similar circumstances. School prayer must not violate other school policies or rules, whether it is during school hours or not.