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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 67, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to display of documents with religious content.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 67, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 67.170, to read as follows:

- 67.170. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Founding documents with religious content", includes, but is not limited to,
 founding documents of the United States or this state that make reference to the Deity,
 religious laws, religious practices, and religious observances;
- 5 (2) "Governing authority, board, or personnel", any entity or individual 6 responsible for the governance, leadership, or management of the political subdivision.
- 7 2. The governing authority, any board, or any personnel of any political subdivision
- 8 may display the Ten Commandments, the Bible, and founding documents with religious
- 9 content in public institutions, public buildings, and public grounds in this state.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.