

Senate Bill 424

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 32nd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Division of Archives and History, so as to revise the provisions of law
3 regarding Foundations of American Law and Government displays; to extend the locations
4 in which such displays may appear; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Division of Archives and History, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code
10 Section 45-13-51, relating to study of historical documents and public displays of the
11 Foundations of American Law and Government, as follows:

12 "(a) The General Assembly finds and determines:

13 (1) The General Assembly has directed the Division of Archives and History of the State
14 of Georgia to encourage the study of historical documents;

15 (2) There is a need to educate and inform the public about the history and background
16 of American law;

17 (3) The public ~~courthouses and judicial facilities~~ buildings of this state are an ideal forum
18 in which to display educational and informational material about the history and
19 background of American law; and

20 (4) A basic knowledge of American constitutional history is important to the formation
21 of civic virtue in our society;

22 (b) ~~Each~~ The state and each municipality and political subdivision of this state shall be
23 authorized to post the Foundations of American Law and Government display, as described
24 in subsection (c) of this Code section, in a visible, public location in the ~~judicial~~ public
25 facilities of the state and such municipality or political subdivision."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.