

House Bill 766 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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10 Section 45-13-51, relating to study of historical documents and public displays of the  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14 of Georgia to encourage the study of historical documents;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27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.