A BILL

To enact section 109.141 of the Revised Code to allow the Attorney General to defend political subdivisions in certain actions brought under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or analogous provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 109.141 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.141. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, with the consent of the legislative authority of a political subdivision, the attorney general may defend, or appoint and authorize special counsel to defend, the political subdivision in any action brought against the political subdivision for maintaining a historical symbol or monument on public property on the ground that maintaining the symbol or monument violates the establishment clause of the first amendment to the United States Constitution or an analogous provision of Section 7 of Article I, Ohio Constitution.