

**AMERICAN BAPTIST
RESOLUTION ON MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF SEPARATION OF
CHURCH AND STATE**

Aware always of our historic position of separation of church and state, we recommend to the churches a larger interest in the work being done by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. We further urge our people to assume wider leadership in their local interfaith organizations and relationships to maintain these principles with respect to local issues.

Adopted by Northern Baptist Convention – 1957

Affirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Board – September 1985

Modified by the Executive Committee of the General Board – September 1990

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POLICY BASE

American Baptist Policy Statement on a Statement by American Baptists Concerning Freedom-
Adopted 1954; reaffirmed 1978

...We reaffirm our allegiance to the historic principle of the separation of church and state.

American Baptist Policy Statement on Separation of Church and State – Adopted December 1986