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SENATE BILL 708
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/8/95

Short Title: Charlotte Bid Limits.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 13, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR LETTING PUBLIC CONTRACTS
2 BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND TO PROHIBIT THE UNAUTHORIZED
3 REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN MECKLENBURG
4 COUNTY.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 143-129(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) No construction or repair work requiring the estimated expenditure of public
9 money in an amount equal to or more than ~~fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)~~ one hundred
10 thousand dollars (\$100,000) or purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment
11 requiring an estimated expenditure of public money in an amount equal to or more than
12 ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)~~ one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), except in
13 cases of group purchases made by hospitals through a competitive bidding purchasing
14 program or in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or
15 their property, shall be performed, nor shall any contract be awarded therefor, by any
16 board or governing body of the State, or of any institution of the State government, or of
17 any county, city, town, or other subdivision of the State, unless the provisions of this
18 section are complied with. For purposes of this Article, a competitive bidding group
19 purchasing program is a formally organized program that offers purchasing services at

1 discount prices to two or more hospital facilities. The limitation contained in this
2 paragraph shall not apply to construction or repair work undertaken during the progress
3 of a construction or repair project initially begun pursuant to this section. Further, the
4 provisions of this section shall not apply to the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel, alcohol
5 fuel, motor oil or fuel oil. Such purchases shall be subject to G.S. 143-131."

6 Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act applies to the City of Charlotte only.

7 Sec. 3. Any person who removes or destroys a campaign sign earlier than four
8 days after the election to which the sign is relevant without the authorization of the
9 person who placed the sign or of the candidate, political committee, or referendum
10 committee whose cause the sign promotes shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and
11 be punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each sign removed or
12 destroyed, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). This section does
13 not apply to any government official enforcing a State law or local ordinance, to a public
14 utility company removing a sign from its utility pole, or to the owner of the property on
15 which the sign is placed. This section applies to Mecklenburg County only.

16 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.