

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 342
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/20/97

Short Title: Mecklenburg Bid Limit Increased.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 26, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD FOR THE INFORMAL BIDDING
3 PROCEDURE FOR LETTING PUBLIC CONTRACTS BY THE COUNTY OF
4 MECKLENBURG.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(a) No construction or repair work requiring the estimated expenditure of public
8 money in an amount equal to or more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or
9 purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment requiring an estimated
10 expenditure of public money in an amount equal to or more than ~~twenty thousand dollars~~
11 ~~(\$20,000),~~ one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), except in cases of group purchases
12 made by hospitals through a competitive bidding purchasing program or in cases of
13 special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, shall be
14 performed, nor shall any contract be awarded therefor, by any board or governing body of
15 the State, or of any institution of the State government, or of any county, city, town, or
16 other subdivision of the State, unless the provisions of this section are complied with.
17 For purposes of this Article, a competitive bidding group purchasing program is a
18 formally organized program that offers purchasing services at discount prices to two or
19 more hospital facilities. The limitation contained in this paragraph shall not apply to

1 construction or repair work undertaken during the progress of a construction or repair
2 project initially begun pursuant to this section. Further, the provisions of this section
3 shall not apply to the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel, alcohol fuel, motor oil or fuel oil.
4 Such purchases shall be subject to G.S. 143-131."

5 Section 2. Section 1 of Chapter 712 of the 1993 Session Laws is repealed.

6 Section 3. Section 1 of this act applies to the County of Mecklenburg only.

7 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.