

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 1999-52
HOUSE BILL 587

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID LIMITS RELATING TO THE
LETTING OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS BY THE CITY OF GREENSBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(a) No construction or repair work requiring the estimated expenditure of public money in an amount equal to or more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment requiring an estimated expenditure of public money in an amount equal to or more than ~~thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)~~, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), except in cases of group purchases made by hospitals through a competitive bidding purchasing program or in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, shall be performed, nor shall any contract be awarded therefor, by any board or governing body of the State, or of any institution of the State government, or of any county, city, town, or other subdivision of the State, unless the provisions of this section are complied with. For purposes of this Article, a competitive bidding group purchasing program is a formally organized program that offers purchasing services at discount prices to two or more hospital facilities. The limitation contained in this paragraph shall not apply to construction or repair work undertaken during the progress of a construction or repair project initially begun pursuant to this section. Further, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel, alcohol fuel, motor oil or fuel oil. Such purchases shall be subject to G.S. 143-131.

For purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment, the governing body of any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the State may, subject to any restriction as to dollar amount, or other conditions that the governing body elects to impose, delegate to the manager or the chief purchasing official the authority to award contracts, reject bids, readvertise to receive bids on behalf of the unit, or waive bid bonds or deposits, or performance and payment bond requirements. Any person to whom authority is delegated under this subsection shall comply with the requirements of this Article that would otherwise apply to the governing body."

Section 2. This act applies only to the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of May, 1999.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives