

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 784

Short Title: First Amendment Rights. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester; Allran, Brock, Goodall, Hunt, Presnell, Smith, and
Tillman.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 23, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT EXPRESSIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE
CONVENING OF MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES ARE CONSISTENT
WITH FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes is amended by
adding the following new section to read:

"§ 128-15.4. Actions prior to convening of meetings.

During the time prior to the governing body's actual call to order or convening of
business, any expressions by members of the governing body or members of the public
shall be held consistent with the individual's First Amendment right of freedom of
speech."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.