

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-184
HOUSE BILL 342

AN ACT TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD FOR THE INFORMAL BIDDING
PROCEDURE FOR LETTING PUBLIC CONTRACTS BY THE COUNTY OF
MECKLENBURG.

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 ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)~~, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), 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."

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 Section 1 of Chapter 712 of the 1993 Session Laws is repealed.

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives