

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**HOUSE BILL 597  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO CONDUCT AN  
ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN SPORTS AND  
CULTURAL FACILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Charlotte City Council may, by resolution, direct the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on whether the City should make capital investments in certain identified sports and cultural facilities. The form of the question to be presented on a ballot for such a referendum shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

The construction, expansion, and/or renovation of an uptown arena, the Mint Museum of Art, Discovery Place, the Afro-American Cultural Center, a minor league baseball stadium, Theatre Charlotte, and the Carolina Theatre, provided that adequate funding is available from, but not limited to, the existing hotel/motel occupancy tax, and proposed vehicle rental and seat taxes collected within the City of Charlotte, not including property taxes."

The referendum shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall expire on December 31, 2001.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2001.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives