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SENATE BILL 503

Short Title: Durham MWBE. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick; and Atwater.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

March 11, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO GRANT THE
3 CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S MINORITY OR
4 WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATIONS
5 FOR CITY CONTRACTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 84.1 of the Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671
8 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 474 of the 1983 Session Laws, reads as
9 rewritten:

10 "Sec. 84.1. **Minority or Women's Business Enterprise Requirements.** (a) The City
11 Council may establish, agree to and/or comply with minimum minority and/or women's
12 business enterprise participation requirements in projects financed by public funds to ensure
13 equal employment opportunities and/or to redress past discrimination, by including such
14 minimum requirements in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of such projects
15 and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143- 131, if applicable, to the lowest
16 responsible bidder or bidder meeting these and other specifications.

17 (b) The City Council may, on any terms it deems proper, authorize the City Manager or
18 the City Manager's designee to include minimum minority and/or women's business enterprise
19 participation requirements authorized in subsection (a) of this section in the specifications for
20 contracts to perform all or part of any projects financed by public funds and to award bids to
21 the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications."

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

