

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 541

Short Title: Change Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dixon and Bell (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 3, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY  
3 ELECTRIC SYSTEMS AND ALLOCATE CERTAIN TAX PROCEEDS FOR PUBLIC  
4 EDUCATION PURPOSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-275(45) reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 105-275. Property classified and excluded from the tax base.**

8 The following classes of property are designated special classes under Article V, Sec. 2(2),  
9 of the North Carolina Constitution and are excluded from tax:

10 ...

11 (45) ~~Eighty percent (80%)~~ Sixty percent (60%) of the appraised value of a solar  
12 energy electric system. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "solar  
13 energy electric system" means all equipment used directly and exclusively for  
14 the conversion of solar energy to electricity. Fifty percent (50%) of the  
15 proceeds collected under this subsection shall be used in accordance with  
16 G.S. 153A-149(b1).

17 ...."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 153A-149 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 "(b1) A county shall use fifty percent (50%) of the tax proceeds collected under  
20 G.S. 105-275(45) for the following public education and community college purposes:

21 (1) Construction, renovations, and repairs.

22 (2) Maintenance.

23 (3) Associated debt service."

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies to taxes imposed  
25 for taxable years beginning on or after that date.

