

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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SENATE BILL 1684\*

Short Title: Mecklenburg/Charlotte Contracts.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senators Winner of Mecklenburg; Blackmon, Odom, and Richardson.

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Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs.

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June 6, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY MANAGER AND  
2 THE CHARLOTTE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE  
3 PURPOSE OF PURCHASING APPARATUS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR  
4 EQUIPMENT REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT, AND FOR CONSTRUCTION  
5 PROJECTS UNDER A CERTAIN AMOUNT, PROVIDED THERE ARE  
6 SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATED UNENCUMBERED FUNDS.  
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 143-129 is amended by adding the following at the end:

10 "A county manager may award, approve, and execute contracts for the county for the  
11 purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment regardless of the value of the  
12 contract, or for construction contracts where the estimated cost of the construction  
13 project does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), provided that:

14 (1) The county manager shall report to the Board of County  
15 Commissioners prior to executing any contracts upon which bids are  
16 received;

17 (2) The county has approved a sufficient unencumbered appropriation in  
18 the annual budget for the current fiscal year for the general purpose  
19 specified in the contract or agreement; and

20 (3) The contracts are not entered into as a result of requests for proposals."

21 Sec. 2. Section 9.82 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter  
22 713, Session Laws of 1965, as amended by Chapters 133 and 333, Session Laws of  
23 1969 and Chapter 481, Session Laws of 1973, rewritten by Chapter 391, Session Laws

1 of 1979, and amended by Chapter 1140, Session Laws of 1981, Chapter 343, Session  
2 Laws of 1985, and Chapter 170, Session Laws of 1989, reads as rewritten:

3 "Sec. 9.82. **Award and approval of certain contracts.** The city manager or his duly  
4 authorized designee is hereby authorized to award, approve, and execute contracts or  
5 agreements of any kind or nature on behalf of the city when the amount of such contract  
6 or agreement does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); provided that the city  
7 council shall have approved a sufficient appropriation in the annual budget for the  
8 current fiscal year for the general purpose specified in the contract or agreement. In  
9 addition, the City Manager or his duly authorized designee is authorized to approve and  
10 execute amendments to contracts or agreements, including contracts initially approved  
11 by the City Council, when the amount in question does not exceed fifty thousand dollars  
12 (\$50,000). Furthermore, the City Manager or his duly authorized designee is authorized  
13 to award, approve, and execute contracts for the construction and installation of water  
14 and sewer lines that will eventually become a part of the City utility system, regardless  
15 of the amount, where the construction and installation is the sole responsibility and is at  
16 the sole expense of another person, firm, or corporation.

17 Furthermore, the City Manager may award, approve, and execute contracts for the  
18 purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment regardless of the value of the  
19 contract, provided that:

- 20 (1) The City Manager shall report to the City Council prior to executing  
21 any contracts upon which bids are received;  
22 (2) The City Council shall have approved a sufficient unencumbered  
23 appropriation in the annual budget for the current fiscal year for the  
24 general purpose specified in the contract;  
25 (3) The contract is not a construction contract; and  
26 (4) The contracts are not entered into as a result of requests for proposals."

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

28 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.