GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-117 SENATE BILL 245

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICTS AND CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICTS TO USE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE FINANCING TO THE SAME EXTENT AS OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REMOVE THE POPULATION REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO USE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE FINANCING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-20(h) reads as rewritten:

- "(h) As used in this section, the term 'unit of local government' means any of the following:
 - (1) A county.
 - (2) A city.
 - (3) A water and sewer authority created under Article 1 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes.
 - (3a) A metropolitan sewerage district created under Article 5 of Chapter 162A of the General Statutes.
 - (3b) A sanitary district created under Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes.
 - (4) An airport authority whose situs is entirely within a county that has (i) a population of over 120,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census and (ii) an area of less than 200 square miles.
 - (5) An airport authority in a county in which there are two incorporated municipalities with a population of more than 65,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.
 - (5a) An airport board or commission authorized by agreement between two cities pursuant to G.S. 63-56, one of which is located partially but not wholly in the county in which the jointly owned airport is located, and where the board or commission provided water and wastewater services off the airport premises before January 1, 1995; provided that the authority granted by this section may be exercised by such a board or commission with respect to water and wastewater systems or improvements only.
 - (6) A local school administrative unit (i) that is located in a county that has a population of over 90,000 according to the most recent federal

- decennial census and (ii) whose board of education is authorized to levy a school tax.
- (7) An area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authority, acting in accordance with G.S. 122C-147.
- (8) A consolidated city-county, as defined by G.S. 160B-2(1)." Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of August, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

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

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor

Approved 12:52 p.m. this 27th day of August, 1998