GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE BILL 579

Short Title: Charlotte/Electronic Bids. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Clodfelter; Dannelly, Goodall, Graham, and Pittenger.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO RECEIVE BIDS ELECTRONICALLY IN ADDITION TO OR INSTEAD OF PAPER BIDS ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article III of Chapter 8 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being S.L. 2000-26, as amended by S.L. 2000-61, S.L. 2002-91, and S.L. 2003-197, is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"Section 8.89. Electronic Bids for Public Construction Projects. (a) The City may receive bids electronically in addition to or instead of paper bids. Procedures for receipt of electronic bids for contracts that are subject to the requirements of G.S. 143-129 shall be designed to ensure the security, authenticity, and confidentiality of the bids to at least the same extent as is provided for with sealed paper bids.

(b) The requirements for advertisement of bidding opportunities, timeliness of the receipt of bids, the standard for the award of contracts, and all other requirements in Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes that are not inconsistent with the methods authorized in this section shall apply to contracts awarded under this section."

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