

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1895

Short Title: Johnston Courthouse Expansion.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Smith.

Referred to: State & Local Government.

May 22, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING JOHNSTON COUNTY TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE
3 THE COURTHOUSE WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH SPECIFIED
4 PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL
5 STATUTES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The County of Johnston may contract for the design and
8 construction or design, construction, and operation of an expanded or improved county
9 courthouse, or both, without being subject to the requirements of
10 G.S. 143-128, 143-129, 143-131, 143-132, 143-64.31, and 143-64.32.

11 The authorization includes, if deemed appropriate by the County Board of
12 Commissioners, the use of the single-prime contractor method of design and
13 construction, the design-build or design-build-operate method of construction, or a
14 request for proposals and negotiation as an alternative design and construction method.

15 **SECTION 2.** The County of Johnston shall request proposals from and
16 interview at least three design-build teams, or design-build-operate teams, as
17 appropriate, that have submitted proposals. If three proposals are not received and the
18 project has been publicly advertised for a minimum of 30 days, then the County may
19 proceed with the proposals received. The County shall award the contract to the best
20 qualified contractor, taking into account the time of completion of the project, the
21 capital and operation and maintenance cost of the project, the technical merits of the
22 proposal including, but not limited to, reliability and protection of the environment, and
23 any other factors and information set forth in the request for proposals that the County
24 determines to have a material bearing on the ability to evaluate any proposal.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.