

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 417
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FORCE ACCOUNT LIMIT FOR THE TOWN OF
WILKESBORO.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-135. Limitation of application of Article.

Except for the provisions of G.S. 143-129 requiring bids for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials or equipment, this Article shall not apply to construction or repair work undertaken by the State or by subdivisions of the State of North Carolina (i) when the work is performed by duly elected officers or agents using force account qualified labor on the permanent payroll of the agency concerned and (ii) when ~~either~~ the total cost of the project, including without limitation all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment, does not exceed ~~one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) or the total cost of labor on the project does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).~~ two million one hundred fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,152,500). This force account work shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget in the case of State agencies, of the responsible commission, council, or board in the case of subdivisions of the State. Complete and accurate records of the entire cost of such work, including without limitation, all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment performed and furnished in the prosecution and completion thereof, shall be maintained by such agency, commission, council or board for the inspection by the general public. Construction or repair work undertaken pursuant to this section shall not be divided for the purposes of evading the provisions of this Article."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to the construction of a water pump station and the extension of a waterline to serve a Department of Transportation rest center to be built outside the corporate limits of the Town of Wilkesboro, and to the replacement of five sewer interceptor lines that will be installed throughout the Town of Wilkesboro.

SECTION 3. This act applies only to the Town of Wilkesboro.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires December 30, 2009.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of May, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives