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HOUSE BILL 544

Short Title: Local Government E-Mail Lists. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Samuelson, Cotham, Iler, and Tolson (Primary Sponsors).
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO MAKE EFFECTIVE STATEWIDE A LOCAL ACT PROVIDING THAT A
3 LIST OF THE E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS SUBSCRIBING TO LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENT E-MAIL LISTS IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION BUT IS NOT
5 REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENT MAY USE THAT LIST ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE THAT IT WAS
7 SUBSCRIBED TO.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Sections 1 through 3 of S.L. 2010-83 read as rewritten:

10 "**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, when a unit of local
11 government maintains an electronic mail list of individual subscribers, Chapter 132 of the
12 General Statutes does not require that unit of local government to provide a copy of the list.
13 The list shall be available for public inspection in either printed or electronic format or both as
14 the unit of local government elects.

15 "**SECTION 2.** If a unit of local government maintains an electronic mail list of individual
16 subscribers, the unit of local government and its employees and officers may use that list only:
17 (i) for the purpose for which it was subscribed to; (ii) to notify subscribers of an emergency to
18 the public health or public safety; or (iii) in case of deletion of that list, to notify subscribers of
19 the existence of any similar lists to subscribe to.

20 "~~**SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Wake County, the City of Raleigh, and the Towns of
21 Apex, Cary, Fuquay Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake
22 Forest, Wendell, Zebulon, and to Yadkin County.~~"

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

