

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH80133-LBx-315B (03/24)

Short Title: Allow County Public-Private Partnerships. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Collins.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE
3 PARTNERSHIPS AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS
4 SERVICES THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-11 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 153A-11. Corporate powers.**

8 The inhabitants of each county are a body politic and corporate under the name specified in
9 the act creating the county. Under that name they are vested with all the property and rights of
10 property belonging to the corporation; have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may
11 contract and be contracted with; may enter into public-private partnerships; may acquire and
12 hold any property and rights of property, real and personal, that may be devised, bequeathed,
13 sold, or in any manner conveyed, dedicated to, or otherwise acquired by the corporation, and
14 from time to time may hold, invest, sell, or dispose of the property and rights of property; may
15 have a common seal and alter and renew it at will; and have and may exercise in conformity
16 with the laws of this State county powers, rights, duties, functions, privileges, and immunities
17 of every name and nature."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 153A-149(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

19 "(c) Each county may levy property taxes for one or more of the purposes listed in this
20 subsection up to a combined rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) on the one hundred
21 dollars (\$100.00) appraised value of property subject to taxation. Authorized purposes subject
22 to the rate limitation are:

23 ...
24 (9a) Communications Network. – To provide through a public-private
25 partnership a wired or wireless network for the provision of communications
26 services.

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28 **SECTION 3.** Article 23 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
29 adding a new section to read:

30 "**§ 153A-456. Public-private partnerships for communications services.**

31 A county may provide through a public-private partnership a wired or wireless network for
32 the provision of communications services."

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

