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SENATE BILL DRS45072-LM-16

Short Title: Edgemombe/Halifax-Communications Service. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Fitch (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING EDGEOME AND HALIFAX COUNTIES TO PROVIDE
3 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AS A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-274 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 153A-274. Public enterprise defined.

7 As used in this Article, "public enterprise" includes:

- 8 (1) Water supply and distribution systems.
- 9 (2) Wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems of all types, including
10 septic tank systems or other on-site collection or disposal facilities or systems.
- 11 (3) Solid waste collection and disposal systems and facilities.
- 12 (4) Airports.
- 13 (5) Off-street parking facilities.
- 14 (6) Public transportation systems.
- 15 (7) Stormwater management programs designed to protect water quality by
16 controlling the level of pollutants in, and the quantity and flow of, stormwater
17 and structural and natural stormwater and drainage systems of all types.
- 18 (8) Communications service as defined in G.S. 160A-340(3)."

19 SECTION 2. Article 15 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
20 adding a new section to read as follows:

21 "§ 153A-274.2. Authority to provide communications service as a public enterprise.

22 A county may provide communications service to the county and its citizens.
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, a county may not provide communications
24 service outside its borders. For purposes of this act, the term "communications service" has the
25 same meaning as in G.S. 160A-340(3). The provisions of Article 16A of Chapter 160A of the
26 General Statutes shall not apply to the provision of communications service by a county."

27 SECTION 3. This act applies only to the following counties: Edgemombe and
28 Halifax.

29 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

