

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 687  
SENATE BILL 144

AN ACT TO RAISE THE MONETARY LIMITS FOR REQUIRING AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 133-1.1, as the same appears in the 1979 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 3B of the General Statutes, is hereby amended by rewriting subsections (a) and (d) to read as follows:

**"§ 133-1.1. Certain buildings involving public funds to be designed, etc., by architect or engineer.** — (a) In the interest of public health, safety and economy, every officer, board, department, or commission charged with the duty of approving plans and specifications or awarding or entering into contracts involving the expenditure of public funds in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the repair of public buildings where such repair does not include major structural change, or in excess of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the construction of, or additions to, public buildings or State-owned and operated utilities shall require that such plans and specifications be prepared by a registered architect, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 83 of the General Statutes, or by a registered engineer, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89C of the General Statutes, or by both architect and engineer, particularly qualified by training and experience for the type of work involved, and that the North Carolina seal of such architect or engineer together with the name and address of such architect or engineer, or both, be placed on all such plans and specifications.

(d) On repair projects involving the expenditures of public funds in an amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or less, or on construction or addition projects involving the expenditures of public funds in an amount of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000), or less, and on which no registered architect or engineer is employed, the governing board or awarding authority shall require a certificate of compliance with the State Building Code from the city or county inspector for the specific trade or trades involved or from a registered architect or engineer, except that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply on projects wherein plans and specifications are approved by the Department of Administration, Division of State Construction, and the completed project is inspected by the Division of State Construction."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1981.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of June, 1981.