AN ACT TO PERMIT THE LOWER CAPE FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION FOR A FOURTEEN-MILE PARALLEL WATER TRANSMISSION LINE WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-128, 143-129, 143-131, 143-132, 143-64.31, and 143-64.32, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority may use the design-build method of construction for the construction of a 14-mile parallel water transmission line within its service area. The Authority shall seek to prequalify and solicit at least three design-build teams to bid on the project and shall receive at least three sealed proposals from those teams for each project. The proposals shall not require the design-build team to submit project design solutions. If three proposals are not received and the project has been publicly advertised for a minimum of 30 days, the Authority may proceed with the proposals received. The Authority shall interview at least two of the design-build teams that submit proposals. The Authority shall award the contract to the best qualified team, taking into consideration in its selection the time of completion of any project, compliance with the provisions of G.S. 143-128.2, and the cost of the project.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority may contract for the construction of a 14-mile parallel water transmission line within its service area. The Authority shall award the contract to the best qualified contractor, taking into consideration in its selection the time of completion of the project and the cost of the project.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires December 31, 2015.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2012.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
   President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
   Speaker of the House of Representatives