

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 1670
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FORCE ACCOUNT LIMIT FOR THE CITY OF
NEWTON AND CATAWBA COUNTY AS TO A PARK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-135. Limitation of application of Article.

Except for the provisions of G.S. 143-129 requiring bids for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials or equipment, this Article shall not apply to construction or repair work undertaken by the State or by subdivisions of the State of North Carolina (i) when the work is performed by duly elected officers or agents using force account qualified labor on the permanent payroll of the agency concerned and (ii) when either the total cost of the project, including without limitation all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment, does not exceed ~~one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) or the total cost of labor on the project does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).~~ eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$860,000). This force account work shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget in the case of State agencies, of the responsible commission, council, or board in the case of subdivisions of the State. Complete and accurate records of the entire cost of such work, including without limitation, all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment performed and furnished in the prosecution and completion thereof, shall be maintained by such agency, commission, council or board for the inspection by the general public. Construction or repair work undertaken pursuant to this section shall not be divided for the purposes of evading the provisions of this Article."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to the construction of a park on City of Newton property on North Carolina Highway 10 West.

SECTION 3. This act applies only to the City of Newton and Catawba County.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires December 30, 2006.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 2004.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives