

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 182
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO NAME THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TO ALLOW DUPLIN COUNTY TO USE THE SINGLE-PRIME BIDDING METHOD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DUPLIN COMMONS WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONCERNING THE INVESTMENT OF CERTAIN RETIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUNDS BY THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of S.L. 1997-275, as rewritten by Section 1 of S.L. 1998-130, reads as rewritten:

"**Section 1.** There is hereby created the '~~Halifax~~Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Authority' (for brevity hereinafter referred to as the 'Airport Authority'), which shall be a body both corporate and politic, having the powers and jurisdiction hereinafter enumerated and such other and additional powers as shall be conferred upon it by general law and future acts of the General Assembly. For purposes of this act the word 'City' when used alone shall mean the City of Roanoke Rapids and the word 'County' when used alone shall mean either Halifax County or Northampton County."

SECTION 2. Section 15 of S.L. 1997-275, as rewritten by Section 8 of S.L. 1998-130, reads as rewritten:

"**Section 15.** The powers granted to the Airport Authority shall not be effective until the members of the Airport Authority have been appointed by the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners, and the Roanoke Rapids City Council, and nothing in this act shall require the Board of Commissioners or City Council to make the initial appointments. It is the intent of this act to enable but not to require the formation of the ~~Halifax~~Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Authority."

SECTION 3. Duplin County may contract for the design and construction of the Duplin Commons project using the single-prime contract method described in G.S. 143-128(d) without requiring that all bidders identify on their bids the contractors they have selected for the subdivisions for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, and general. However, the lowest responsible, responsive bidder shall provide to the county the names of the contractors selected for the subdivisions within 72 hours after this act is ratified. Nothing in this act prohibits Duplin County from rejecting any and all bids for the design and construction of the Duplin Commons project.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 159-30, the City of Fayetteville, or any governing body, agency, person, or other corporation that contracts with the City of Fayetteville for the investment, care, or administration of monies of the Supplemental Employees' Retirement Plan of the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville, or of employee benefit funds as may be designated from time to time by the City of Fayetteville City Council, may invest and reinvest those monies in one or more of the types of securities or other investment authorized by State law for the State Treasurer in G.S. 147-69.2.

SECTION 5. Section 3 of this act becomes effective April 29, 2003, and applies to bids advertised and submitted for the Duplin Commons project. Otherwise, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of July, 2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives