

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 230
HOUSE BILL 972

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES BY STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE SURVEYING SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The title of Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Article 3D.

"Procurement of ~~Architectural and
Engineering~~ Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying Services."

Sec. 2. G.S. 143-64.31 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-64.31. Declaration of public policy.

It is the public policy of this State and all public subdivisions and Local Governmental Units thereof, except in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, to announce all requirements for ~~architectural and engineering~~ architectural, engineering, and surveying services, to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information at this stage, and thereafter to negotiate a contract for ~~architectural or engineering~~ architectural, engineering, or surveying services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm. If a contract cannot be negotiated with the best qualified firm, negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and initiated with the next best qualified firm."

Sec. 3. G.S. 143-64.33 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-64.33. Advice in selecting consultants or negotiating consultant contracts.

On ~~architectural or engineering~~ architectural, engineering, or surveying contracts, the Department of Transportation or the Department of Administration may provide, upon request by a county, city, town or other subdivision of the State, advice in the process of selecting consultants or in negotiating consultant contracts with ~~architects and engineers~~ architects, engineers, or surveyors or both."

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of June, 1989.