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SENATE BILL 320
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/18/11

Short Title: Municipal Systems.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 14, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF CITIES CONCERNING WATER AND
3 WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-321 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 160A-321. Sale, lease, or discontinuance of city-owned enterprise.**

7 (a) A city is authorized to sell or lease as lessor any enterprise that it may own upon any
8 terms and conditions that the council may deem best. However, except as to transfers to another
9 governmental entity pursuant to G.S. 160A-274 or as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
10 a city-owned enterprise shall not be sold, leased to another, or discontinued unless the proposal
11 to sell, lease, or discontinue is first submitted to a vote of the people and approved by a
12 majority of those who vote thereon. Voter approval shall not be required for the sale, lease, or
13 discontinuance of airports, off-street parking systems and facilities, or solid waste collection
14 and disposal systems.

15 (b) For the sale, lease, or discontinuance of water treatment systems, water distribution
16 systems, or wastewater collection and treatment systems, a city may, but is not required to,
17 submit to its voters the question of whether such sale, lease, or discontinuance shall be
18 undertaken. The referendum is to be conducted pursuant to the general and local laws
19 applicable to special elections in such city."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2012.

