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**HOUSE BILL 1921**

Short Title: Wake E-mail Address Lists/Electronic Access. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Heagarty, Weiss, Jackson, Dollar (Primary Sponsors); Gill, Martin, Ross, and Stam.

Referred to: Local Government I, if favorable, Judiciary I.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A LIST OF THE E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS SUBSCRIBING TO E-MAIL LISTS KEPT BY WAKE COUNTY AND CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THAT COUNTY ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY USE THAT LIST ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE THAT IT WAS SUBSCRIBED TO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, when a unit of local government maintains an electronic mail list of individual subscribers, Chapter 132 of the General Statutes does not require that unit of local government to provide a copy of the list in electronic format. The list shall be available for public inspection in either printed or electronic format or both as the unit of local government elects.

**SECTION 2.** If a unit of local government maintains an electronic mail list of individual subscribers, the unit of local government and its employees and officers may use that list only: (i) for the purpose for which it was subscribed to; (ii) to notify subscribers of an emergency to the public health or public safety; or (iii) in case of deletion of that list, to notify subscribers of the existence of any similar lists to subscribe to.

**SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Wake County, the City of Raleigh, and the Towns of Apex, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

