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SENATE BILL 441

Short Title: Johnston Water Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Daughtry.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 15, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FOUR
OAKS TO BENSON WATER FACILITIES.

Whereas, all towns within Johnston County with the exception of the Town of Benson are interconnected to a central water supply system with the Neuse River as supply source, and

Whereas, an eight-mile water main and elevated storage tank will facilitate the interconnection of the Town of Benson to the Town of Four Oaks and in turn the Johnston County water supply system, and

Whereas, situated between the Town of Four Oaks and Benson is South Johnston High School with an enrollment of approximately 1,250, and

Whereas, the deepwell water system serving South Johnston High School is inadequate from the standpoint of quantity and potential quality and reliability, and

Whereas, the South Johnston High School is served by a single well of insufficient quantity, and is the fourth well to have served the school with the other wells having been abandoned due to bacteriological contamination over time; and due to insufficient quantity, sufficient water supply is not available for culinary purposes; and fire protection is not available, and

Whereas, the Town of Benson is supplied water from the Cape Fear River from a transmission system from the City of Dunn in Harnett County, and

Whereas, the contractual water supply allocation from the City of Dunn in Harnett County to Benson is being approached in daily usage by the Town of Benson, and Benson must find an alternate source of supply, and

1 Whereas, the Johnston County water system with the Neuse River as supply
2 source currently serves all or a portion of the supply needs of the Towns of Smithfield,
3 Selma, Pine Level, Four Oaks, Princeton, Kenly, Clayton, as well as West Smithfield
4 Sanitary District, constituting a population of approximately 30,000, and

5 Whereas, the Neuse River has been contaminated in the past for short periods
6 due to accidental discharges of substances into the river upstream, the potential for such
7 accidental discharges increases annually due to upstream urbanization and industrial
8 growth, and no current backup supply source exists for the Johnston County system, and

9 Whereas, the interconnecting pipeline link between the Town of Four Oaks
10 and Benson would facilitate supply of water from the Cape Fear River to the Johnston
11 County water system, and

12 Whereas, Johnston County does not presently have sufficient funds on hand
13 nor does it anticipate having financial resources within the near future to construct the
14 Four Oaks to Benson water facilities; Now, therefore,
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Johnston
17 County Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 1989-90 the sum of two million one
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) for a water line between the Town of Four Oaks
19 and the Town of Benson to serve South Johnston High School.

20 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.