

March 4, 1999

**S 222. GOVERNMENT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS. TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AND DEBIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT FEES, COSTS, AND DEBTS.** Amends GS Chapters 147 (state agencies) and 159 (local governments) as title indicates. Debts payable in this manner under GS Ch. 147 include: debts owed to community colleges; local school administrative units; mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authorities; the General Court of Justice; and state agencies as defined in GS 147-86.21.

**Intro. by Reeves.**

Ref. to Finance

GS 147, 159

May 20, 1999

**S 222. GOVERNMENT ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENT.** Intro. 3/4/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Amends GS 105-228.90(b) of the tax laws to create a new definition of electronic payment: payment by charge card, credit card, debit card, or by electronic funds transfer (already defined in the section). Substitutes "electronic transfer" for "credit card" in various related statutes. Requires State Controller to establish policies allowing electronic payment with the concurrence of the State Treasurer and the Administrative Officer of the Courts (for payments to the office of superior court clerk or magistrate). Authorizes state payment of fees for processing of electronic payments from General Fund and Highway Fund and authorizes state to impose a fee for use of electronic payment. Requires consultation with the Joint Legislative Comm'n on Gov. Operations on policies and fees authorized.

Creates new GS 159.32.1 to authorize local governments to receive payments by electronic payment (prior version would have required the Local Government Comm'n to establish policies to allow it), to pay fees for using this method, and to impose a fee or surcharge on the amount paid by the person using electronic payment. Amends GS 132-1.2 of the public records law to protect from public disclosure an account number used for electronic payment.

June 28, 1999

**S 222. GOVERNMENT ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENT.** Intro. 3/4/1999. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only.

July 8, 1999

**S 222. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/INFO. TECH.** Intro. 3/4/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition: (1) expands title to add following language: AND TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO STRENGTHEN THE MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN STATE GOVERNMENT, ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES, IMPROVE COST-EFFECTIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS, INCREASE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EFFICIENCIES, AND CLARIFY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; (2) amends proposed GS 159-32.1 to allow public hospitals as well as local governments and public authorities to accept electronic payments; (3) adds a new Part 16, GS Ch. 143B, Art. 10 (GS 143B-472.40 to -472.66) to govern information technology in state government; (4) defines various terms; for example, "distributed information technology assets" is defined as hardware, software, and communications equipment not classified as traditional mainframe-based items, including personal computers, local area networks, servers, mobile computers, peripheral equipment, and other related hardware and software; (5) establishes Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) in the Dep't of Commerce, managed and administered by the State Chief Information Officer; (6) describes ITS responsibilities, which include developing procedures and standards to implement policies approved by Information Resources Management Comm'n and assuring that state agencies manage information technology resources in accordance with ITS direction; (7) directs ITS to coordinate with the Office of State Budget and Management and Office of State Planning to integrate agency strategic and business planning, technology planning and budgeting, and project expenditure processes into ITS's information technology portfolio-based management; (8) prohibits any state agency

from proceeding with an information technology project without prior certification from the Information Resources Management Comm'n; (9) directs ITS to formulate a plan for management of state's distributed information technology assets, to be approved by Comm'n; (10) directs ITS to procure all information technology for state agencies except for The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions; (11) provides that if the dollar value of a contract for the procurement of information technology exceeds the benchmark established by the Sec'y of Commerce, the contract must be reviewed by a Board of Awards; (12) directs ITS, along with the Office of State Budget and Management and the Office of State Controller, to develop a system for budgeting and accounting of expenditures for information technology operations, services, projects, infrastructure, and assets; (13) establishes a three-member Board of Awards, comprised of three members of the Comm'n appointed by the chair of the Comm'n; (14) provides that the Board shall review and recommend the action to be taken by the Sec'y of Administration when the dollar value of a contract exceeds the benchmark; (15) allows the Sec'y of Commerce to adopt temporary rules to implement this authority; (16) adds the President of The University of North Carolina (or the president's designee) to the Information Resource Management Comm'n; (17) directs the Sec'y of Commerce to develop policies and procedures no later than Dec. 31, 1999, to ensure the use of "Best Value" procurement and, as applicable, "Solution-Based Procurement and Government-Vendor Partnership" in procuring information technology; (18) directs the Sec'y of Commerce by Dec. 31, 1999, to develop programs for ensuring that State personnel involved in contracting and purchasing of information technology projects receive training in these principles; (19) directs the Sec'y of Commerce to report to the Joint Select Committee on Information Technology on results of the implementation of the act before April 1, 2000; (20) directs the Joint Select Committee on Information Technology to study the governance of State government information technology management, including alternative organizational structures for the creation of a centralized agency responsible for all information technology-related issues, and to make an interim report to the 2000 General Assembly and a final report in 2001; (21) directs the State Auditor to audit ITS, to issue interim reports, and to issue a final report covering operations from Jan. 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. Makes most sections of bill effective Jan. 1, 2000.

July 9, 1999

**S 222. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/INFO TECH MGT.** Intro. 3/4/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Makes technical changes only.

July 20, 1999

**S 222. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT/INFO TECH MGMNT.** Intro. 3/4/99. Conference report recommends the following changes to 5th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Adds public hospitals to facilities that may accept electronic payments. Adds reporting, project management and other powers and duties to the new Office of Information Technology Services (ITS). Changes membership on the Information Resource Management Commission. Authorizes an independent staff for the ITS, funded by receipts, with an executive director whose position is not subject to the personnel act. Changes name of State Information Processing Services to the Office of Information Technology Services and makes other conforming changes if H 253 of 1999 Session becomes law. Exempts agency information projects that are certified prior to Jan. 1, 2000 from new provision requiring prior IRMC certification. Authorizes up to five staff positions for ITS.