

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2008-223  
SENATE BILL 942**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENACTING  
ORDINANCES THAT WOULD RESTRICT DISTRIBUTION OF  
NEWSPAPERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-175(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Local governments may enact ordinances restricting or prohibiting a person from standing on any street, highway, or right-of-way excluding sidewalks while soliciting, or attempting to solicit, any employment, business, or contributions from the driver or occupants of any vehicle. No local government may enact or enforce any ordinance that prohibits engaging in the distribution of newspapers on the non-traveled portion of any street or highway except when those distribution activities impede the normal movement of traffic on the street or highway. This subsection does not permit additional restrictions or prohibitions on the activities of licensees, employees, or contractors of the Department of Transportation or of any municipality engaged in construction or maintenance or in making traffic or engineering surveys except as provided in subsection (e) of this section."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 7:00 p.m. this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008