

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013

SESSION LAW 2013-168  
SENATE BILL 545

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF A MASTER METER FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE WHEN THE TENANT AND LANDLORD HAVE AGREED IN THE LEASE THAT THE COST OF THE SERVICES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE RENTAL PAYMENTS AND THE SERVICE SHALL BE IN THE LANDLORD'S NAME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-151.42(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The provisions of this section requiring that service and meters for each individual dwelling unit be in the name of the tenant or other occupant of the apartment or other dwelling unit shall not apply in either of the following cases-circumstances:

- (1) ~~where the~~ The Utilities Commission has approved an application under G.S. 62-110(h).
- (2) The tenant and landlord have agreed in the lease that the cost of the electric service or natural gas service or both shall be included in the rental payments and the service shall be in the name of the landlord."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to leases entered into, amended, or renewed, including leases that renew by inaction, on or after the effective date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 4:29 p.m. this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013

