



# HOUSE BILL 1143: Spencer Mountain Charter.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the  
contents of the bill  
as it was presented  
in committee.**

2016-2017 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government	<b>Date:</b>	June 23, 2016
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rep. Torbett	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brad Krehely
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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 1143 would temporarily suspend the charter of the Town of Spencer Mountain.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Spencer Mountain, located in Gaston County, was incorporated in 1963. According to the 2010 Census, the population was 37. According to the 2014 population estimates of the NC Office of Budget and Management, the population was 0.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1143 would suspend the applicability of the Charter of the Town of Spencer Mountain for three fiscal years, from July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2019. During that time, compliance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act would not be required, no audit would be required for any fiscal year, or portion thereof, and no elections for mayor or commissioner would be conducted. The individuals elected in 2015 may continue to use their public titles and participate as elected officials in organizations dedicated to serving municipalities during the period of suspension.

The monies and assets held by the Town of Spencer Mountain would be placed under the control of the State Treasurer, to be held for the Town of Spencer Mountain. Any monies due to the Town from the State would be delivered to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners for use by the County. All other monies due and payable to the Town would be collected by the State Treasurer to be held for the Town. The State Treasurer would be authorized to determine how the monies and assets would be held and accounted for.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2016, and expires June 30, 2019.

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