



HOUSE BILL 400: Town of Mint Hill/Annexations

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 400 would annex three described tracts into the Town of Mint Hill.*

CURRENT LAW: Under Section 1 of Article VII of the NC Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable."

Pursuant to this Section, North Carolina law sets forth four basic ways in which a municipality may annex an area:

- Voluntary Annexation. – The owners of all real property in an area contiguous to the municipality desiring to be annexed sign a petition requesting annexation.
- Voluntary Satellite Annexation. – The owners of all real property in the area desiring to be annexed sign a petition requesting annexation, if it otherwise meets the statutory requirements.
- Municipal-Initiated Annexation subject to a referendum. – The municipality initiates annexation proceeding, pursuant to statutory requirements.
- Legislative Act. – The General Assembly has the authority to extend the boundaries of any municipality.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 400 would annex three described parcels of land, in the Irongate, Plantation Falls, and Pleasant Valley areas, into the corporate limits of the Town of Mint Hill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 400 would become effective June 30, 2015.

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