



HOUSE BILL 412: City of Dunn Annexation

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 412 would annex certain described property into the corporate limits of the City of Dunn.*

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, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, which governs municipal annexations. Annexation is the method by which municipalities expand the boundaries of the municipality, following certain statutorily prescribed steps in order to add an area into its boundaries. The municipality must provide, or contract to provide, basic services to the area. These services include police protection, fire protection, solid waste collection and the extension of water and sewer lines to the area.

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 412 would annex approximately 10.93 acres of land located at 3948 Hodges Chapel Road into the corporate limits of the City of Dunn.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 412 would be effective June 30, 2015.

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