

HOUSE BILL 526: Town of Norwood/Deannexation

2015-2016 General Assembly

Analysis of:

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SUMMARY: House Bill 526 would remove certain described territory from the corporate limits of the Town of Norwood.

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. The General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to *deannex* property — that power remains with the General Assembly.

In 2004, the General Assembly legislatively extended the corporate limits of the Town of Norwood to include certain described property, totaling approximately 1,025 acres.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 526 would remove all of the property described in S.L. 2004-43 that is both (i) leased from or owned by Duke Energy Corporation and (ii) regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including that portion of Lake Tillery that is shown on a map of the corporate limits of the Town of Norwood recorded in the Stanly County Registry, Book 19, Page 40.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015.

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