



HOUSE BILL 544: County Sign Ordinance in Cities

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

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SUMMARY: *The PCS for House Bill 544 would allow a city to require a county ordinance to adhere to the city's sign ordinance when the city opts to enforce a county ordinance within the city.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 153A-122 provides that ordinances adopted by a board of county commissioners under Article 6 of Chapter 153A, Delegation and Exercise of the General Police Power, are applicable to any part of the county that is not within a city. However, a city may permit a county ordinance to be applicable within the city, by adopting a resolution to that affect. The city can, also by resolution, withdraw its permission. If the city determines the county ordinance will no longer apply within the city, the city must give written notice to the county of its withdrawal of permission.

By separate statute, G.S. 153A-22 applies to ordinances regulating smoking adopted under G.S. 130A-498, allowing a city to permit the county smoking regulation ordinance to apply within in the city's jurisdiction.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 544 would provide that if a city by resolution permits a county ordinance to be applicable within the city, the governing board of that city can specify that any signage required by the county ordinance must be in compliance with the city's ordinances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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