



HOUSE BILL 544: County Sign Ordinance in Cities

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: S.L. 2015-166

Date:

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-166 allows a city to require a county ordinance to adhere to the city's sign ordinance when the city chooses to enforce a county ordinance within the city.*

This act became effective July 23, 2015.

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 withdraw its permission by resolution. 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.

G.S. 153A-122 also applies to ordinances regulating smoking adopted under G.S. 130A-498, which allows a city to permit the county smoking regulation ordinance to apply within in the city's jurisdiction.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2015-166 provides 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 became effective July 23, 2015.

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