



SENATE BILL 255: Durham Voluntary Annexation Petitions

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 255 would allow the City of Durham's Planning Commission to hold hearings on initial zoning of property that the owners are requesting be annexed into the city limits prior to the adoption of the annexation ordinance. Senate Bill 255 would require the final zoning by the city council to occur after the adoption of the annexation ordinance.*

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 255 would amend the charter of the City of Durham to provide that when a petition for voluntary annexation is received, the Planning Commission is authorized and empowered to give notice of and hold public hearings to review and take comments to the city council on applications for the initial city zoning of the property subject to the voluntary annexation petition prior to the passage of an annexation ordinance. Voluntary annexation would remain at the request of the property owners.

The bill would also provide that the city council is authorized to give notice of public hearings required for the initial zoning of property subject to a voluntary annexation petition prior to the passage of an annexation ordinance, but can only hold the zoning public hearings, and vote on the initial zoning of such property, after the passage of an annexation ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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