

## SENATE BILL 875: Town of Sunset Beach/Deannexation.

## 2016-2017 General Assembly

**Committee:** Senate State and Local Government. If

**Date:** May 24, 2016

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**Introduced by:** Sen. Rabon **Prepared by:** Giles Perry

**Analysis of:** First Edition Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 875 deannexes five described tracts from the corporate limits of the Town of Sunset Beach in Brunswick County.

**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. In addition, the General Assembly may annex property by local act. The General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to *deannex* property; that power remains with the General Assembly.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** of Senate Bill 875 removes, or deannexes, five described tracts from the Town of Sunset Beach in Brunswick County. The first three tracts constitute the Sunset Beach West area; the fourth, Sunset Creek Commons; and the fifth, the Palm Cove area.

**Section 2** of the bill preserves any outstanding property tax liens or special assessments of the Town of Sunset Beach on the deannexed properties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective June 30, 2016.

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