



SENATE BILL 5: Mecklenburg/Police Countywide Jurisdiction.

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Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 6, 2017
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 5 would authorize, upon approval by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, police officers of the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville to exercise the same jurisdiction throughout the unincorporated areas of Mecklenburg County as they do within the corporate boundaries of their own municipality. The municipality and Mecklenburg County must enter into an agreement setting guidelines to implement the act. The act is effective when it becomes law.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Countywide Jurisdiction to Police Departments.--Chapter 1170 of the 1969 Session Laws authorizes the police of the City of Charlotte, with the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, to exercise the same jurisdiction, authority, powers and rights throughout Mecklenburg County as they do within the city limits of Charlotte.

Senate Bill 5 would authorize, upon approval by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, police officers of the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville to exercise the same jurisdiction throughout the unincorporated areas of Mecklenburg County as they do within the corporate boundaries of their own municipality. The municipality and Mecklenburg County must enter into an agreement setting guidelines to implement the act.

The Board of Commissioners must not approve the exercise of powers or authority by a municipality's police officers in an unincorporated area of Mecklenburg County if the area is in another municipality's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction, unless the governing body of the other municipality agrees in writing. This section does not restrict or prohibit the authority of the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County.

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

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