



HOUSE BILL 285: City of Sanford/Voluntary Annexations.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 285 would allow the City of Sanford to conduct a voluntary satellite annexation of property more than three miles from its primary corporate limits.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 160A-58.1 governs voluntary municipal annexation of noncontiguous property, also known as voluntary satellite annexation.

If all property owners in a satellite area petition a municipality for voluntary annexation of the noncontiguous property, the municipality may annex the property, if the following 5 requirements are met:

1. *The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits must be not more than 3 miles from the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.*
2. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits may be closer to the primary corporate limits of another city than to the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.
3. The area must be so situated that the annexing city will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within its primary corporate limits.
4. If the area proposed for annexation, or any portion thereof, is a subdivision as defined in G.S. 160A-376, all of the subdivision must be included.
5. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, may not exceed 10% of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 285 would exempt the City of Sanford from the requirement that property annexed through satellite annexation be located not more than three miles from the city's primary corporate limits and would enable the City of Sanford to conduct a voluntary satellite annexation of property *more than three miles* from its primary corporate limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 285 would be effective when the bill becomes law.

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