

HOUSE BILL 4: Claremont Deannexation.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House State and Local Government. If Date:

February 5, 2019

favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, rerefer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the

House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 4 would remove one parcel from the corporate limits of the City of Claremont.

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. However, the General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to deannex property. Only the General Assembly may deannex property.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 4 would deannex one parcel from the corporate limits of the City of Claremont.¹

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective June 30, 2019, and apply to tax years beginning July 1, 2019.

¹ According to the Catawba County GIS, this parcel (# 376109061749) consists of 10.98 acres.

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