



# HOUSE BILL 438: Franklin/Granville Recognized Common Boundary.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 438 would confirm the common boundary between Franklin County and Granville County as consistent with the county boundaries established by the 2020 Census geography.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 153A-18 establishes a process by which counties can alter their boundary lines if those lines are uncertain or ambiguous. When adjoining counties are uncertain as to the exact location of the boundary between them, the affected counties' governing boards may formally request that the NCGS perform a survey to help reestablish the boundary line. Once completed, the NCGS survey map reestablishing the boundary line is presented to the affected counties for consideration. If the governing boards of the counties fail to ratify the reestablished boundary line within one year of receiving the NCGS survey map denoting the location of the reestablished boundary line, the NCGS survey map becomes conclusive as to the location of the boundary line. The NCGS survey map is then recorded with the Register of Deeds in each affected county and with the Secretary of State's office. The chief of the NCGS notifies affected parties in writing of the action taken. If the disputed boundary is not resolved by the procedure in G.S. 153A-18(a), then any of the counties may apply to a superior court judge with jurisdiction to appoint a boundary commission to resolve the disputed boundary.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would establish the legal boundary between Franklin and Granville counties to be consistent with the 2020 Census geography, which is currently reflected in the counties' geographic information systems maps.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective when it becomes law.

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