



# HOUSE BILL 904: Town of Edenton/Hayes Farm Annexation.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 904 would add the 194.09-acre, noncontiguous property of Hayes Farm to the corporate limits of the Town of Edenton.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Annexation is a method by which municipalities alter their boundaries. The municipality must follow statutorily prescribed steps in order to add an area into its boundaries. The municipality must provide, or contract to provide, basic services to the area. These services include police protection, fire protection, solid waste collection and the extension of water and sewer lines to the area.

North Carolina law sets forth four basic ways in which a municipality may annex an area:

- **Voluntary Annexation.** – The owners of all real property in an area contiguous to the municipality desiring to be annexed sign a petition requesting annexation.
- **Voluntary Satellite Annexation.** – The owners of all real property in the area desiring to be annexed sign a petition requesting annexation, if it otherwise meets the statutory requirements.
- **Municipal-Initiated Annexation subject to a referendum.** – The municipality initiates an annexation proceeding, pursuant to statutory requirements.
- **Legislative Act.** – The General Assembly has the authority to extend the boundaries of any municipality.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 904 would annex the 194.09-acre, noncontiguous property of Hayes Farm into the corporate limits of the Town of Edenton by legislative act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective June 30, 2024. The property annexed as of January 1, 2024, would be subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

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