



# HOUSE BILL 931: Town of Newport/Deannexation.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

2023-2024 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	June 4, 2024
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<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H931-CSCJxf-17		Karyl Smith Committee Co-Counsel

**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 931 would remove a 21.8-acre tract of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Newport.

*The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) uses a different format to describe the tract being removed from the Town, using a parcel identification number instead of a property description. The PCS does not change the tract that would be removed from the Town.*

**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 931 would remove a 21.8-acre tract of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Newport.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective June 30, 2024, and apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

**BACKGROUND:** The property described in the bill was voluntarily annexed in 2008. The property owners requested that the Town Council of Newport provide consent and support for the deannexation of the property. A resolution was adopted by the Town Council on March 14, 2024, providing consent and support for the property owners' deannexation request.

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