



HOUSE BILL 147: Elizabeth City/Deannexation.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 4, 2025
Introduced by:	Rep. Ward	Prepared by:	Ike McRee
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H147-CSCOxf-2		Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for House Bill 147 would remove one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Elizabeth City. The PCS corrects a typographical error in the First Edition.*

CURRENT LAW: Under Section 1 of Article VII of the North Carolina 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 a method for municipalities to deannex property. Only the General Assembly may deannex property.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 147 would remove one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Elizabeth City.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would become effective June 30, 2025 and apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

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