



HOUSE BILL 147: Elizabeth City and King/Deannexations.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 1, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 147 would:*

- *Remove one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Elizabeth City.*
- *Remove 2 tracts of land and part of a roadway from the City of King.*

House Bill 147 adds the deannexation in the City of King.

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: House Bill 147 would remove one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Elizabeth City and remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of King. The deannexation in the City of King includes roadway between the tracts.

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

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