



# HOUSE BILL 337: City of Southport/Deannexations.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 337 would remove three tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of Southport. The PCS makes a technical change to the property description.*

**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:** The PCS to House Bill 337 would remove three tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of Southport.

**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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