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# SENATE BILL 214: Town of Four Oaks/Deannexations.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 214 would remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Four Oaks.*

**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:** Senate Bill 214 would remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Four Oaks.

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

**BACKGROUND:** In March 2023, the two tracts of land were annexed into the Town of Four Oaks for a proposed development. The property will no longer be developed; therefore, the property owner desires to remove the previously annexed parcels from the Town's corporate limits. The Town does not plan to extend utilities to the undeveloped property and also desires to remove the property from its corporate limits.

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