



SENATE BILL 214: Four Oaks/Creedmoor/Kannapolis Deannexations.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee: House State and Local Government. If **Date:** June 17, 2025
favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 214 would remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Four Oaks, one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Creedmoor, and two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of Kannapolis.*

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: Section 1 of the PCS would remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Four Oaks. Section 2 of the PCS would remove one tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Creedmoor. Section 3 of the PCS would remove two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of Kannapolis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1-3 of the PCS would become effective June 30, 2025, and would apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2025. Except as otherwise provided, the act would become effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: In March 2023, the Town of Four Oaks annexed the two tracts of land listed in Section 1 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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