



SENATE BILL 832: Washington Deannexation.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 832 would remove a tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Washington.*

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 any method for municipalities to deannex property. Only the General Assembly may deannex property.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 832 would remove a tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Washington.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective June 30, 2026, and apply to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

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