



- 1           (4) One elected municipal official or city manager, appointed by the  
2           Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 3           (5) One person who has been active in supporting changes in the  
4           annexation laws to protect the rights of persons proposed for  
5           annexation, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 6           (6) One person who has been active in supporting changes in the  
7           annexation laws to protect the rights of persons proposed for  
8           annexation, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 9           (7) Three senators, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 10          (8) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the  
11          Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12           **SECTION 1.(b)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
13 a cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a cochair for the  
14 Commission. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs.  
15 Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same appointing authority as made  
16 the initial appointment.

17           **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall study the following issues relating to  
18 the annexation laws:

- 19           (1) The balance of the rights of persons proposed for annexation with the  
20           responsibility to provide urban services.
- 21           (2) The lessened need for annexation because of the ability, willingness,  
22           and growing trend of counties to provide services in urban and  
23           urbanizing areas.
- 24           (3) The financial burdens placed on persons annexed caused not only by  
25           property taxes, but also heavy assessments for water and sewer line  
26           extensions or connections, which are often burdensome.
- 27           (4) The value of maintaining the character of existing large lot  
28           neighborhoods and communities that were initially developed well  
29           outside the limits of a now rapidly expanding municipality.

30           **SECTION 3.** The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties,  
31 may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
32 G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
33 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

34           Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the  
35 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.  
36 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall  
37 assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of  
38 Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical support staff  
39 to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne  
40 by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel  
41 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

42           **SECTION 4.** The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and  
43 recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2009 General  
44 Assembly upon its convening. The Commission may also make an interim report to the

1 General Assembly in 2008. The Commission shall terminate upon the convening of the  
2 2009 General Assembly.

3           **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
4 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate adequate funds for the expenses of the  
5 Commission established by this act, including staff, consultants, and production of  
6 reports.

7           **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.